

DF returns Terrorists push back Lebanese in south

HELL FIRE
JERUSALEM (UPI) — Israeli military forces yesterday fired several rounds at Lebanese forces near Taiba in Lebanon, according to a source in Tel Aviv.

The shells were fired after several rounds of heavy mortar fire from the Lebanese village of Taiba, about 10 kilometers from the border, at 7 a.m. It is reported that the shells were not directly at the kibbutz, but from an artillery duel between Israeli and Lebanese forces for control of Taiba.

According to a senior military official, the Israeli reaction was linked to the Christian fight in the area, which reportedly fell to the Lebanese yesterday.

The Israeli army responded directly to the fact that the Lebanese artillery shells fell close to an Israeli kibbutz, the source said.

The military sources in Tel Aviv said the Lebanese forces are signs that reinforcements are arriving in Bint Jubail in the central Lebanon, some 10 kilometers from the Israeli border.

The past few days have been the most tense since the Lebanese withdrawal, a source said. They said that the Lebanese forces are now in a "sausage" battle, and that the Lebanese are not yet ready to leave, anything but the number of reinforcements.

The Lebanese are carrying weapons.

By YORAM HAMIZBAHI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

MISGAV AM. — A large terrorist force comprising members of the Syrian-backed Sa'aka and the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) managed yesterday to take over positions held by Lebanese forces in the Taiba area, some 4.5 kilometers north of the Israeli border.

The terrorists attacked a village held by the Lebanese forces since the end of the last month and managed to take over most positions around the village. They also knocked out a Sherman tank belonging to the Lebanese forces.

The terrorist attack started soon after midnight yesterday and their artillery fire, directed on the enclave villages, came mostly from the area of Beaufort and the village of Armon, across the Litani River. The surprise attack forced Lebanese forces to evacuate the Taiba area.

The IDF infantry in Metulla treated some 25 wounded Lebanese, most of them soldiers. Some of the wounded were sent to the Safad government hospital, and one wounded child was evacuated by helicopter after receiving first aid and undergoing emergency surgery in the infirmary.

Lebanese artillery shelled terrorist targets around Taiba throughout the day, and pillars of smoke and dust could be seen from the Israeli side of the border. The Lebanese forces also directed mortar, tank and recoilless rifle fire at targets in the area. Reinforcements could be seen passing by the "Good Fence" on the Lebanese highway leading towards Taiba. There was, however, no sign of any counter-attack, and a member of the Lebanese forces told The Jerusalem Post that his units are establishing a new line of defence near the village of Adessa, just below Misgav Am.

Throughout the day terrorists stationed across the Litani River shelled Lebanese positions and villages in the Marjayoun area. A Lebanese from the village of Deir Mimas, 2.5 km. north of Metulla, claimed that his village was shelled by 180mm. guns usually used by the Syrian Army. Another Lebanese claimed that the enclave was shelled from the direction of Fatahland, probably by mortars belonging to the PLA.

During the evening, sporadic fire was heard all around the enclave, but the artillery barrage petered out almost completely. All activities at the "Good Fence" in Metulla were stopped. Most of the Lebanese workers did not arrive in Israel, and the infirmary area was closed to callers. Activity in Dovav and Hanita continued as usual.

In a report from Beirut, the Associated Press said that leftists and Palestinian terrorists declared a general mobilization of their forces in south Lebanon yesterday after reporting they had recaptured Taiba and a neighbouring hill from rightist militia in a "savage" battle.

"Taiba and the vital hill of Rub Talat" have been completely recaptured," a terrorist spokesman said. "Our forces are mopping up small pockets of right-wing resistance in the village." He described the Taiba fighting as "savage."

The latest escalation of hostilities coincided with a charge by former president Camille Chamoun, Lebanon's top Christian warlord, that terrorists were bringing regular Palestinian troops back to Lebanon.

He said 760 soldiers from the PLA's Ein Jallout brigade have returned by sea from Egypt to take part in the defence of Bint Jubail. He called this move "a grave threat to Lebanon" and predicted it would have "dangerous repercussions."

A PLA spokesman denied Chamoun's claim.

The PLA forces were withdrawn from Lebanon in January. The Ein Jallout brigade pulled back to its original base in Egypt and the rest crossed the border to Syria.

Soviets rap Carter's M.E. stand

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union yesterday added a new dimension to its criticism of President Carter with a strongly worded attack on his ideas for a Middle East settlement.

A commentary in "Izvestia" said Carter's proposal last month that Israel should have defensible borders had turned the whole problem upside down.

It also declared that any talk of a just settlement which did not include the Palestinian Arabs' right to a homeland was "a mockery of the rights not just of an individual, but of a whole people."

The commentary was written by Vladimir Kudryavtsev, vice-chairman of the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, a theoretically public organization through which the Kremlin maintains links with the PLO and other "liberation" movements.

Kudryavtsev dealt first with last month's meeting in Cairo of the PLO's Palestine National Council, which he attended. But he then rounded on the speech Carter made on March 18, in Clinton, Massachusetts.

He said that Carter was trying to "guarantee all rights to Israel," and that Carter's idea of defence lines that do not coincide with state borders meant that Israel could move its defence line into Arab countries "at will."

"By turning the whole problem upside down," he continued, "the imperialists and their henchmen in the Middle East would like to get rid of the Palestinian resistance movement, which stands in their way, and reduce the whole problem of the Palestinian people to a resettlement of refugees, or at best settling them in an Arab state with the status of stateless persons."

Kudryavtsev declared that Carter had spoken at Clinton of the need for a homeland for the Palestinians. Apparently commenting on this, Kudryavtsev said: "Evidently the zealous 'defenders' of human rights feel that besides the 'movable' borders, which they would like to give to the Israeli aggressors, there are also 'movable' homelands with which they intend to keep the heroic Palestinian people 'happy'."

"But the Arab people of Palestine has its own homeland," he declared. "The Zionists took it away with the support of overseas human rights zealots."

It was the first detailed comment on Carter's Middle East proposals, although Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev set out the Soviet view in detail shortly afterwards in apparent response.

Sadat opens talks with call for Palestine 'entity'

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday began his talks with U.S. President Jimmy Carter by calling for the "establishment of a political entity where the Palestinians can, at long last, be a community of citizens, not a group of refugees."

At a welcoming ceremony in the East Room of the White House, the Egyptian leader's use of the word "entity" rather than "state" stirred interest among American officials and other diplomatic observers. It seemed to indicate further evidence of Egypt's growing support for the concept of a formal and official link between any West Bank Palestinian "entity" and Jordan — a position not very different from that of Israel. In the past, Egypt has called for the creation of a separate Palestinian state.

Carter, who had the ceremony moved indoors because of a steady rainfall, stressed the benefits of peace during his brief welcoming speech. Peace would lead to "opportunities for improved trade, economic benefits for citizens, an end to the arms race, and an opportunity to live in harmony with one another," Carter declared.

Sadat's prepared remarks at the White House yesterday followed what some American officials have considered to have been a major public signal of Egypt's readiness to establish what Israel and the U.S. regard as "full peace." At a news conference in Paris on Sunday, Sadat said that after a peace agreement is worked out with Israel, "the whole thing will be normalized and we shall have permanent peace."

American officials have been anxiously waiting for Sadat to start using the word "normalization" in public, as he has done repeatedly in private conversations.

Immediately after the welcoming ceremony, the two leaders and their senior aides moved to the Oval Office for the first of at least three meetings.

After the session at the White House yesterday morning, Sadat drove to the State Department for a working luncheon with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Carter expressed hope in the morning that he and Sadat would have an opportunity to have a "detailed discussion" on the "many items on our agenda." In addition to exploring

prospects for peace this year, the two leaders will also be discussing American-Egyptian bilateral issues, including Egypt's expected request for arms as well as additional economic assistance.

Yesterday was the first time Carter had met with Sadat, and he expressed confidence that they would be able to establish the close type of personal relationship that Sadat had had with earlier American presidents.

"I'd like to say that I have been looking forward to a chance to establish a close and personal friendship with President Sadat," Carter said. "I've never talked to an American leader in this Administration or past Administrations, in the Executive or in the Congress, who had met him and didn't come away impressed with his sensitivity, his intelligence, his vision and his courage."

Carter continued: "I hope to learn a lot from him and to share with him as best we can the prospects for the interested parties this year to search out a common basis for a peaceful and permanent solution to that troubled region of the world. Our own country will offer its good offices when called upon to do so, to share with the nations located there, to find this peaceful resolution."

"We understand the common ground on which peace might be brought. And I am personally willing to devote a great deal of my own time and the time of the American Government to cooperation in this worthwhile pursuit toward a great goal, which might bring stability to the entire world."

The American President said that he was very hopeful that "1977 will be a fruitful year for negotiations."

Sadat, sounding a moderate theme of peace, said that he has come to America "with an open mind and an open heart in order to work with you for strengthening the structure of peace and promoting the revival of idealism in international relations."

He said the U.S. has "a certain mission" to fulfill "and a major responsibility to contribute positively to the process of peace in the Middle East." He thanked Carter for registering his "willingness, and even enthusiasm, to fully assume this responsibility."

In calling for a strengthening of the "norms of legitimacy and legality in international behaviour," Sadat said that Carter "cannot support foreign occupation of one's land or tolerate territorial expansion."

He continued: "We know that attachment to one's land is a value which is deeply rooted in the fabric of the American society. It is the central force that made the realization of the American dream possible."

Sadat said it would be a "grave mistake" to waste the present "golden opportunity" to make additional progress towards peace. "There is every indication that you are aware of the centrality of the Palestinian cause to the entire dispute," he continued. "It is the core and crux of the issue."

"No progress whatsoever can be achieved so long as this problem remains unresolved. In your public pronouncement in recent weeks, you have said that 'peace is the only way to a just and lasting settlement of a political entity' where the Palestinians can, at long last, be a community of citizens, not a group of refugees. The humanitarian dimension of their plight is merely one of the aspects of the problem. Their yearning to exercise their normal rights remains the heart of the issue."

Mrs. Jihan Sadat and Mrs. Rosalynn Carter stood beside their husbands during the East Room ceremony, which included the playing of the U.S. and Egyptian national anthems. Sadat seemed genuinely moved by Carter's remarks and his personal praise.



ALL SMILES — Presidents Jimmy Carter and Anwar Sadat smile for cameramen and each other during welcoming ceremonies at White House's East Room yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

'Elements of settlement' discussed at first session

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Following the first round of talks yesterday morning, White House spokesman Jody Powell told reporters that Presidents Carter and Sadat had concentrated on the Middle East negotiating process. He said that bilateral issues would be discussed at last night's working dinner and continued this morning.

"In full and wide-ranging exchanges, they discussed in detail the central elements of the settlement," Powell said.

"They agreed that the time is right for a major effort to resume negotiations, and reaffirmed that they will work towards reconvening the Geneva conference in the second half of 1977. To this end, they agreed further that they and their governments would maintain close contact as efforts go forward to work out ways to reconvene the Geneva conference and to achieve a comprehensive peace settlement."

Powell said that Egypt has not yet put forward a formal request for U.S. arms, as Sadat has said publicly during recent weeks; but observers here were expecting the Egyptian leader to ask Carter for such arms either last night or this morning.

Powell said that all the Middle Eastern parties are in agreement on the three fundamental elements of an Arab-Israeli settlement: the meaning of peace, future borders, and the Palestinian question.

Powell said there was some ground for cautious optimism that additional progress towards peace would be achieved this year.

He declined to speculate about Sadat's reason for using the word 'entity,' rather than 'state' when referring to the Palestinians.

He said there was no effort attempted to reach full agreement with Egypt on all the issues and noted that the U.S. has differences of opinion with both Israel and Egypt on certain issues.

Costa Rican minister starts week's visit

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEGURION AIRPORT. — Costa Rica's foreign minister, Rodrigo Facio, arrived in Israel today at the start of a week-long official visit.

Facio, 57, foreign minister almost seven years, said that some of Israel's friends had been before the numerical priority of its foes at the UN. Costa Rica's friendship remained intact, Facio said, because Israel every year in facing her enemies and problems, the visitor declared.

Facio was greeted in similarly warm terms by his host and counterpart, Yigal Alon, who recalled the Italy and friendship extended to him and his wife Ruth when they visited Costa Rica.

Facio is to meet with Premier Menachem Begin today. He will also pay a courtesy call on President Katsir and hold political talks with Mr. Alon and Foreign Ministry officials.

Facio is apparently not susceptible to sensitivity over crossing the line which affects many official guests, and will thus visit Christian holy places in Jerusalem as well as in Jerusalem's Gethsemane.

After leaving home, he was in Israel by Israeli Ambassador Shimon Peres and local Jewish leaders at the "Green Book" of the International Fund.



Foreign Minister Yigal Alon, left, and his Costa Rican counterpart, Rodrigo Facio, enjoy a view of Jerusalem together at the start of Facio's week-long visit yesterday. (Richard Chazin)

Sadat forecasts Soviet attempt to unseat him

By JACK MAURICE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has charged the Soviet Union with "sinister plots in Africa" and said Moscow might try to organize an uprising against his authority as it had tried to do against Sudanese President Ja'afar Numeiry.

In an interview with the French daily "Le Monde," Sadat also said Libya has become "the Soviet Union's main base" and that arms paid for by Tripoli go straight to the African customers "without even a pretence of transit through Libya."

Sadat visited Paris on Saturday before going to Washington.

Sadat said in the interview that "America can and should exert pressure on Israel to bring about a Middle East settlement." He said that in the past, quoting the late President Eisenhower's move after the Suez Campaign in 1956, "Washington promptly obtained Israel's evacuation of the Sinai."

Soviet distrust, U.S. misjudgment caused collapse of arms proposals

By PETER ORSON and MURRAY MARDER, Washington Post News Service

MOSCOW. — One of the principal causes of last week's dramatic breach in Soviet-American relations is the Kremlin's growing belief that the U.S. cannot be trusted to follow through on commitments made by its presidents, including those contained in signed agreements.

Senior Communist Party officials in private conversations with Americans expressed exasperation over what is regarded here as the Carter Administration's ill-considered decision, in effect, to abandon the Vladivostok accord on strategic arms in favour of a wholly new concept of steep reductions.

"Truly," declared Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at his unprecedented and extremely blunt press conference last Thursday, "what will happen if the arrival of a new leadership... scrapes all the constructive things that were achieved in relations with other countries? What stability can be talked about in relations between the U.S. and USSR in this case?"

If this had been the first instance

of a radical American shift on a major piece of bi-lateral business, the Soviets say, they would probably not have reacted quite so sharply. But they contend there is a lengthening list of precedents for turnabouts, abrogations and significant modifications by the U.S. after — as far as the Russians were concerned — a deal had been struck.

"We've come to the opinion that you can't really count on American governments to carry out promises made on the highest levels of leadership," said a member of the policy-making Central Committee. "Frankly, you have a serious problem of credibility with us."

The Soviets cite as perhaps the greatest disappointment before now the fate of the 1972 U.S.-Soviet trade agreement signed by Communist Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev and then-President Richard Nixon during their first summit meeting. Provisions of the pact were never implemented because Congress, after a long delay, linked the extension of trade benefits to freer emigration of Soviet Jews and set limits on U.S. government backed credits.

In renouncing the agreement early in 1976, the Kremlin said that the Congressional action had violated both the letter and spirit of a document to which both sides had solemnly attested.

In addition, the Carter Administration seriously miscalculated the impact and the consequences in the Soviet Union of the U.S. plan for deep cuts in nuclear armed forces, informed American sources privately concede.

In public, administration spokesmen have said the U.S. was "not surprised" by the swift, total rejection of the dual American arms control proposal. In fact, the U.S. negotiators were badly taken by surprise, and the long-range consequences of the failure are totally unknown.

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Golan	44	11-22
Nahariya	77	14-20
Safed	48	13-19
Haifa Port	44	13-20
Tiberias	84	15-24
Nazareth	82	15-24
Afula	81	14-24
Shomron	50	15-20
Tel Aviv	66	15-24
B-Q Airport	61	15-24
Jericho	23	15-22
Gaza	78	15-22
Beersheba	35	15-22
Eilat	21	15-22
Tiran Straits	23	15-22

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The next meeting of the English-speaking Aaron Estate Lodge will take place on Monday, April 11, 1977, at 7.45 p.m. at B'nai B'rith House, 10 Kaplan, Tel Aviv. Laura Klarfeld, director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. of Beit Levenshtein, will speak on "Brain-Damaged Soldiers."

Pay for 'little work' investigated at Ashdod Port

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHDOD. — A team from the State Comptroller's office is investigating a charge that a number of storehouse workers have been paid for doing very little work during two consecutive citrus seasons.

Warehouse No. 103, one of the largest in the port, is used during the citrus export season, mainly by the Citrus Marketing Board.

Like all other warehouses at the port, No. 103 has its regular team of storekeepers. These storekeepers have been receiving pay plus premiums from the Ports Authority for handling citrus fruit.

But according to Moshe Doron, the Ashdod director of the board, the work is being performed by board workers and not by storehouse teams.

Port spokesman Haim Shushan said, because of the peculiarity of the case, the port management decided to call in the State Comptroller's team. Shushan was not able to say how many workers were involved.

15 to 20% more pay for Bank of Israel workers

Post Economic Reporter
Bank of Israel officials are to receive a pay rise of 15 to 20 per cent, according to a memorandum signed yesterday by the employees and the bank's directorate.

According to the memorandum, the employees will receive a pay rise of 15.00 to 17.00 in addition to a 2.25 per cent increase similar to that granted to all employees in the public sector. The employees will also receive raises in special allowances that will not, according to the memorandum, amount to more than 3 per cent of their total pay.

Begin much better after heart attack

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Likud leader Menachem Begin was allowed out of bed to take walks yesterday and a source close to him said last night that he is much better after suffering a heart attack.

"This is quite a serious situation if you don't catch it on time," the source said. "But the doctors caught it."

Begin has begun receiving guests, including Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. But Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev and Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yehoshua, who went to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv to visit him, did not see him because he was asleep. (Leader — Page 10)

Pessah pilgrims, rambblers promised pleasant weather for today

Jerusalem Post Staff
Holidaymakers taking advantage of the intermediate days are promised a further drop in temperatures today, following yesterday's break in the weekend Pessah weekend heat wave that had blanketed the country. The mercury is expected to be no higher than the low 20s in the Coastal Plain and 15-19 in the hills.

The weatherman also reversed his previous forecast of widespread rain today. He said there would be showers only in the North, and only in the morning.

Meanwhile, the army spokesman announced yesterday that persons planning trips to border regions must coordinate these with the army, through the following Nature Protection Society addresses:

Tel Aviv — 44 Derech Patah Tikva, P.O.B. 8770, Tel. 51097.
Haifa — Rehov Heral, P.O.B. 4083, Tel. 511448.

Jerusalem — 15 Rehov Helene Hamalka, P.O.B. 980, Tel. 23311.
Beer Sheva — 7 Derech Ha'atlasim, P.O.B. 7, Tel. 71490 (Beit Yatzyv).

Jerusalem, traditional centre of Pessah pilgrimages, had an estimated 10,000 visitors yesterday.

(100,000 are expected to have gone up to the capital by the end of Pessah week). Police reported no incidents.

Yesterday several hundred Bible scholars convened in Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am for the beginning of the joint conference of the Israel and Jewish Bible societies — devoted this year to the Book of Exodus. The first two of the 40 papers scheduled were given by Prof. Shmuel Yelvin, on the numbers of the Children of Israel at the Exodus according to the sources, and by Prof. Yehuda Eilat, on the Exodus and Egyptian history.

In the North, Haifa's International Flower Show had by last night chalked up 73,000 visitors. The number was swelled by the members of about 1,000 large families, who were given reduced-price tickets. The families, which arrived in buses from throughout the North, Eilat Brak and Jerusalem, toured Haifa before coming to see the flowers on Mount Carmel.

Today will be Interiors Day at the show, with about 100 nurserymen and florists attending. They have promised to show the public their

skill in flower-arranging at the Auditorium. Two dozen diplomats with wives and children are also expected; they will be guests of the city.

Far to the south, a steady stream of traffic pouring into Eilat since Sunday had by yesterday morning filled all the Red Sea resort's hotels, camp sites and beaches.

But there was none of the usual Pessah congestion, as thousands more holidaymakers had continued on through town and southwards to the Neviot (Nueiba) area, where a dusk-to-dawn rock festival is scheduled to begin on Friday. The organizers are offering blues singer Memphis Slim and Israel pop star Ariel Zilber, along with such items as rock bands and traditional Beduin music. They say they expect 10,000 young people to pay the IL28 admission fee.

Still farther south, the Gulf of Eilat village of D-Zahav (Dahab) yesterday reported one man drowned in a diving accident. A second man, airlifted north by helicopter, was in serious condition in the decompression chamber at Eilat's Joeseph Hospital. No further details were available.

El Al crew halts flight by full day

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al's flight 007, a jumbo Boeing 747, took off for Montreal yesterday afternoon almost a full day behind schedule. The reason: a news squabble with El Al's cabin attendants, who wanted an extra eight pursers and stewardesses on board (in addition to the normal complement of 22 cabin attendants, who man a regular non-stop flight to New York).

The dispute followed Sunday's demands by cabin crews for increased holiday compensation, which resulted in crews absenting themselves from four flights. El Al spokesman Uriel Yashiv at first tried to downplay Sunday's difficulties by saying there had been no passengers for the four flights anyway; but yesterday he indicated there were passengers, and they had been transferred to TWA and Air France flights.

El Al's management yesterday turned down the latest crew request. The flight to Montreal was shorter than that to New York, it said, and there would be no justification for increasing the crew.

Ultimately El Al's management ordered a change in the routing of the aircraft, with New York as its first intermediate stop. The cabin attendants were to be replaced by a fresh group stationed in New York before the plane continued on to Montreal.

Tourists who had celebrated the Eder in Israel and were eager to get home, suffered. A Mr. Shneyr, from Flushing, New York, called The Jerusalem Post's Tel Aviv office. His plane, he said, should have left at 5.30 a.m. Shneyr, his wife, daughter, and son-in-law, had been told to his at the airport at 4.30 a.m.

The Shneyr's odyssey included a trip back to Tel Aviv for breakfast. Then an announcement said that the plane would take off at noon. Then it became 2.30 a.m.

"Now we are told that there may be an announcement at 3.30," Shneyr said, from the airport. "All we had was this breakfast and vouchers for some orange juice. There are women here with children and babies in arms. This is ridiculous. There is nobody to talk or complain to. Nobody knows from nothing."

"This isn't the kind of thing that can kill our feelings for Israel," the tourist added, "but it isn't doing them any good either."

Commenting on a report that some of Sunday's flights did not have any cabin attendants on board, in violation of International Civil Aviation Organization regulations, El Al's Yashiv said that the company had specially trained safety officers on board. Planes which carried "unaccompanied passengers" did have full complements of safety officers on board, he added.

Bomb goes off under train

A small bomb exploded on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway line yesterday as a passenger train was passing.

The explosion, which occurred near Battir, caused no damage and was hardly felt by those on the train. The police have so far made no arrests and the investigation is continuing.

However, Israel Radio reporter Aliza Eldar, who was on the train, said he saw two men running away from the scene.

Police look for man who shot shepherdess

ASHKELON (Him). — Police are looking for a man who shot and seriously wounded a Beduin shepherdess in Sinai on Saturday. Atalia Ibrahim al-Othman, 17, arrived at Ashkelon hospital on Saturday night in critical condition. After surgery she told police she was shot by one of two men who drove by her herd in a jeep.

The shepherdess said that she was tending her family's herd with another girl on Saturday evening in the Barnea area when a jeep drove into a nearby quarry. After leaving the quarry the shepherdess said one of the men in the jeep suddenly drew a gun and fired in her direction, wounding her in the abdomen.

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THE JERUSALEM POST takes pleasure in inviting you, tourist or resident, to an 'info' evening tomorrow April 6, at 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem.

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• Question and answer session on 'The Issues' with the editors of THE POST.

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Aluf (res.) Ariel Sharon (left), with his wife and two sons next to him, sit on the ground, picnic style, with other delegates at the convention of Sharon's Shlomzion party at Ma'aleh Adumim yesterday.

Sharon's party holds convention-cum-picnic

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
MA'ALEH ADUMIM. — Aluf (res.) Ariel Sharon's movement Shlomzion held its first convention, picnic style, on a barren slope here.

Some delegates stripped to the waist to get a tan, and some crowded at the shachlik-in-matza stand during the six speeches on the Jewish people, the regime, the economic and social situation.

As his followers sat on blankets and pillows surrounded by bundles of food and drink, Sharon said he did not want a convention in which people come wearing ties and find gladioluses on the dais.

"We choose this place as a symbol for the need to strengthen the tie with Eretz Yisrael. I want to warn you that unless there is a tie — we won't exist here," Sharon told the 600 participants.

Soldiers were manoeuvring on nearby hills, and the sound of explosions and machinegun volleys were heard during the addresses.

"Israel can solve her problems if she appears united," Sharon declared. He advocated a "government of national emergency, including all the groups concerned mainly with Eretz Yisrael." It should be wide based but consist only of the 12 "best people in the country."

"We can solve the problems if we drastically cut the government budgets... the numbers of luxury flats and cars (for senior officials), and bring back a large number of the

diplomatic corps and thousands of *shlichim* (emissaries)." Israel should also declare "an economic-military-social emergency situation, placing the burden mainly on the shoulders of those who can bear it while advancing the poor," he said.

Earlier Sharon and a painter from the Hativva Quarter in Tel Aviv, Zion Dahari, planted the saplings of two pine trees. The saplings, amid the scattered twigs in the desert, are to be "the beginning of a new forest," a speaker declared.

The convention ended with the delegates unanimously electing Sharon to head the Shlomzion Knesset list. Later they quipped near a bus and vans to nominate their 34 other candidates.

Sharon told The Post some 20,000 people had registered as members so far. Most of them are young, he said.

The 600 delegates included Eliahu Almagor, a driver from Tel Aviv. Sporting jeans, a wide-brimmed black hat strapped to his chin and a medallion hanging from his neck, he said he joined Shlomzion because he believes "Sharon can change something."

Tasfania Gaon, who installs shutters, said: "I've been with Arik since 1963, in the paratroopers and retaliation raids."

Yehuda Yashiv, secretary of the Hativva Quarter, said that 10 or 20 of the 200 members there have been under Sharon's command in the past.

Labour's list makers start work

Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Labour's appointments committee yesterday held its first session here, and planned to present its list of Knesset candidates to the Central Committee on Thursday.

The appointments committee, which is to nominate 60 per cent of the candidates, appointed a subcommittee made up of party secretary-general Meir Zarmi, Hishadut Central Committee member Nava Arad and MK Avraham Silberberg to receive delegations and individuals who want to express support for one or another candidate.

According to one report there are already two aspirants for each safe seat.

Meanwhile, the party regions continued electing their allotted candidates. (The 15 regions are to nominate 40 per cent of the list.)

The Southern Dan Region nominated Hilon Mayor Pinhas Eylon. The mekavim "region" elected MKs Amos Hadar and Ben-Zion Halkon and the region's secretary, Yehoshua Zakal. Hilon Mayor Yehoshua Zakal nominated Dov Tzohar of Bror Hayil, head of the party's information department, and Avraham Katz (nicknamed "Ketrake") of Nahal Oz, who has been an aide to secretary-general Zarmi.

The Central Committee will hold two sessions on Thursday. In the morning it is expected to discuss the candidacies of those persons on the list who would be running for their third or more Knesset term. (Those who include nearly all ministers, as well as MKs Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban — will have to get approval of at least 60 per cent of the Central Committee.)

The second meeting, in which the list may be completed, will be held in the afternoon. The deadline for presenting the list to the Central Elections Bureau is next Tuesday.

Gush Emunim march today

Gush Emunim expects tens of thousands of people to participate in a march in western Samaria today. The orthodox-led movement also will lay a cornerstone for "a new city," 12 km. east of Kalkilya on the road to Nablus.

Meanwhile, leaders of the dovish Shelli will call upon key personalities in the West Bank "to convince them that the provocation... does not represent all of Israel." Shelli will tell the Arabs that "the overwhelming majority here wants peace and understanding with the Arabs."

In contrast with previous two-day marches, today's participants are expected to cover only 14 km. around Abu Karnin. Abu Karnin overlooks the Coastal Plain. Gush Emunim said it is a four- to five-hour walk, but the movement has often been overly optimistic.

The march will end with laying the cornerstones for a city to be called "Karnel Shomron."

Parachutist killed

HADERA (Him). — A Tel Aviv parachutist was killed on Saturday during a free-fall jump when his parachute failed to function properly.

David Sarur, 27, was killed in a jump from 7,000 feet organised by the Eilat Shomer civilian parachuting club. It was his 57th jump.

Yadlin to tell all about Labour...if

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Asher Yadlin is prepared to reveal Labour Party financing practices if the information is used to clean up the system rather than to incriminate a few figures, the former Knesset member told three investigators from the State Comptroller's office on Thursday.

Yadlin, once a candidate for the governorship of the Bank of Israel, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined IL350,000 earlier this year for accepting bribes and falsifying tax declarations.

Sources close to Yadlin told The Jerusalem Post that his meeting with the investigators was held at Ramle prison and lasted about an hour and a half. Yadlin reportedly offered to reveal what he knew in exchange for immunity for those whose names he might mention.

During his trial, on February 22, Yadlin said that he had brought millions of pounds into the Labour Party coffers. In Thursday's meeting with the State Comptroller investigators, Yadlin explained that

Wife of Yadlin friend says police won't return passport

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Rivka Flukman, wife of former Labour Party functionary Meir Flukman, yesterday charged that police have been illegally holding her passport. She said she gave her passport to police several months ago following a search of her apartment and that they refuse to return it.

Meir Flukman is a close friend of former Knesset member Asher Yadlin.

According to police, several paintings by artist Zvi Shur, believed to have been stolen, were found in Mrs. Flukman's apartment. Also found was \$900 in U.S. currency, which would be a violation of the foreign currency regulations, police said.

Mrs. Flukman claimed that she bought the pictures legally and that the money belongs to an American relative of the family.

Despite several requests by her lawyer, Avigdor Canetti, she said the police are holding her passport, without court order, claiming that the investigation against her is still under way.

Mrs. Flukman told The Jerusalem Post that her only hope of obtaining her passport is to appeal to the High Court of Justice, which she says is beyond her financial means. Mrs. Flukman has not been charged.

Press Council to check papers' crime reporting

TEL AVIV (Him). — The Israel Press Council has decided to form a team to check local papers' observance of the council's ban on publication of criminal suspects' names before they are remanded.

Meeting in plenum, the council reaffirmed the principle that newspaper reports must not contravene the principle that a man is innocent until proved guilty. The council also decided that newspapers must tell their readers if a man remanded by a magistrate is not later indicted.

The Press Council also decided that newspapers must not publish pictures of hospitals in which the faces of psychiatric and chronic patients can be identified.

Pedestrian killed by police jeep

HAIFA (Him). — A police-driven civil guardman, ed down and killed 60-year-old Ohayon as he was walking a street in Kiryat Haim on night.

Police are investigating.

See how they run
By Aryeh Rubinstein

The American legal advisers of the Democratic Movement for Change have told the movement's leaders that it is no violation of U.S. law for the DMC to raise campaign funds in that country.

Reacting to the front-page story in Sunday's "New York Times", DMC finance committee chairman Meir de Shalit said yesterday that the American law regarding "foreign agents" to register applied only to persons working for foreign governments, not for political parties. Contributions from U.S. friends total IL400,000, according to the DMC spokesman, who adds that this is less than the Treasury's allotment to a political party for a single MK.

Mapam has decided not to make an issue of the agreement reached on Sunday between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and MK Moshe Dayan on the question of general elections before any part of Judea or Samaria is relinquished. Natfali Feder Mapam's political secretary and No. 2 on its Knesset list, told The Post

last night that it was Dayan who had insisted, not Rabin. "What was Dayan promised? Only that a number of Labour MKs would support him. But Rabin himself yielded nothing." There had been no substantive change, Feder insisted.

But MK Meir Pa'il had a different view. Pa'il, whose Moked group is now part of the new Shelli bloc (which includes Aryeh Eliaz, Uri Meir, and Se'elia Meir), saw the latest development in the agreement as a "surrender" to Dayan. Addressing a student audience at Ramat Aviv, Pa'il held that the significance of the agreement was that no action towards peace could be expected from the next government.

His reasoning: since any peace decision would require new elections, no government would risk its own destruction.

Shelli has proudly announced a new convert: Ruth Dayan. In a statement explaining her decision, she says that it is as a peace-lover she has joined the new party and not as a

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after a long illness.
The funeral will take place today, April 5, at the Kfar Samir cemetery in Haifa. A bus will leave from the family home at 9 Rehov Hachichon, Naveh Shimon, at noon and will pass by Rambam Hospital at 12.45 p.m.
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Two Arab villages strike to protest Land Day violence

By YOEL DAR, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Activities were paralyzed yesterday in two Arab villages, Baka and Jatt, in the north, because of a general strike called by the residents to protest the treatment of villagers on the anniversary of Land Day. The workers did not go to work and shops were closed. A group of youths assembled in Baka to discuss the strike. In the school at Baka, several villagers and visitors gathered. Many carried signs in Arabic protesting "the forces' cruel treatment."

It was quiet all day, as the village was urged by village officials to maintain calm. Visitors were treated to cold drinks. The people of peace and want to live in coexistence with the Jewish people, the Jerusalem Post was told.

The deputy chairman of the local council, Murad Kadish, called on the residents to appoint a special committee to put on trial the police and soldiers who had beaten up and hit anybody who was slipping coffee in a cafe.

Electricians fined for causing death of pedestrian

TEL AVIV — An electrician and his employer were fined in Magistrate Court here yesterday for inadvertently causing the death of a pedestrian in Rehov Kussevitzy four years ago.

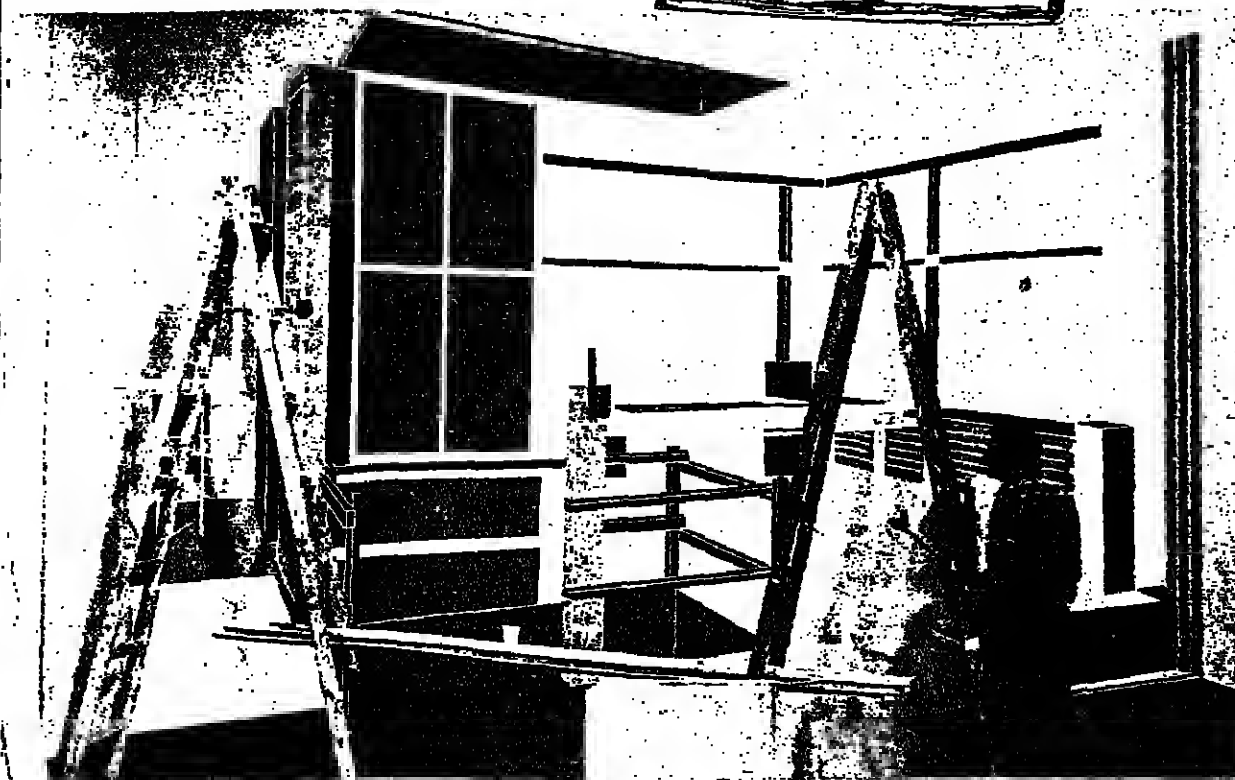
The judge found that Yehoshua Mitter, 65, had employed an unqualified electrician while working on a contract to install street lighting for the Tel Aviv Municipality in 1973. The electrician, Avraham Weizman, 27, failed to use the proper clamps and insulating materials when joining two cables. As a result, the connection came loose shortly afterwards, and a passing pedestrian was struck and killed by one of the falling cables.

Mitter was fined IL5,000 and Weizman IL3,000. They were each given a nine-month suspended jail sentence.

Bikur Holim doctor Gitelson buried

Professor Simon Gitelson, the late head of the Bikur Holim hospital in Jerusalem, was buried yesterday at the Sakhredia cemetery in Jerusalem.

Dr. Gitelson died on Sunday aged 70. He was born in Vilna where he completed his studies in medicine and philosophy. He immigrated in 1946 and worked in the Hadassah hospital for 10 years. For the last 17 years he was head of the Bikur Holim internal ward.



Art's an illusion, as demonstrated by this photo of a painting of a room now on display as part of the Israel Museum's new "De Sijl" exhibit. Admission is free today at the Israel Museum and the Rockefeller Museum, in honour of Pessah, and thanks to a special fund in memory of Robert Crown of Chicago.

Gov't tanker strike settled, unlocking Negev oil flow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — "This strike should never have broken out," Marine Officers Union secretary Adam Chislik told The Jerusalem Post last night following settlement of the union's dispute with the Transasialic oil transportation company.

The two seamen's unions — officers and ratings — struck one company ship at each end of the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline on Friday, to force the government-owned firm to engage Israeli seamen on the tankers it operates.

The strike had threatened to paralyze the pipeline, but it was settled yesterday following discussions between unions and management under the auspices of Histadrut trades union chief Uriel Abramowitz.

Chislik said agreement was reached after management undertook to find other berths within a fortnight for the seamen from an Israeli-owned tanker it is withdrawing from service. The men will draw full salary pending their reassignment.

"If the company had been as reasonable on Friday, the strike would have been avoided," Chislik said.

In another development, the Officers Union, acting on behalf of the International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF), yesterday afternoon ordered Haifa Port pilots not to allow the Panama-flag freighter Seabird to leave port. She was due to sail for Cyprus after loading cargo.

Chislik said the 10-man Turkish crew had asked the union's assistance against the inadequate wages they said they are being paid by the Cypriot owners. They also are also refusing to sail until the owners sign the standard ITF contract.

The Israeli officers union is one of the most active in the world in ITF's fight against exploitation of seamen on ships flying "flags of convenience" — those of countries (mainly Liberia and Panama) which have no reasonable rules governing employment conditions on board.

Radio technicians continue sanctions

The radio's Third Programme — silenced by a technicians' dispute since Friday — will remain shut down at least through this afternoon, when the works committee meets with the Education Minister.

The technicians claim that the Broadcasting Authority broke its promise to propose a new work structure in the departments by November 1976, in exchange for the technicians' agreement to institute the Third Programme.

The authority spokesman said yesterday that impact of the problems have been worked out, and only a few little issues remain.

The technicians threaten to intensify their sanctions and perhaps begin them in TV House unless the dispute is resolved. The Second Programme's midday news magazine was cancelled yesterday, as the workers held a meeting about the dispute.

Misjudgment and distrust in Moscow

(Continued from page one)

two options to select out of them a counter-offer that would totally serve Soviet interests.

Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev was found to be in "surprisingly deteriorating" physical condition, almost ruling out any prospect that he could attend a summit meeting in Washington to confirm a new Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) accord, even if one were reached. This was the goal set in 1974 by former president Gerald Ford and Brezhnev when they met at Vladivostok in November 1974, to be fulfilled in 1975, or at the latest, 1976, before the American presidential election.

Carter ruled against widespread recommendations inside the administration to handle the Vance trip as "an exploratory mission" like his Middle East trip in February. Even the joint chiefs of staff are reported to have favoured this milder approach, to avoid confronting the Russians with drastic changes in SALT bargaining so early by an untested, still-organizing, Carter Administration.

In any event, Vance never even got the opportunity to present the U.S. proposals directly to Brezhnev, as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger did. Instead, it was learned, Brezhnev brushed aside Vance's attempt to make the proposals to him at their first meeting in the Kremlin last Monday, saying he would leave complex technical matters to others.

U.S. negotiators do not know if this was because of the 70-year-old Brezhnev's physical condition or chagrin over the new pattern of U.S. negotiations.

Call for minimum standards for Israeli museums

By LEA LEVAVI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A special fund for the purchase of Jewish and Israeli art works for Israel's museums, and a law creating minimum standards for museums, are among the recommendations made by a 10-member public commission to the Minister of Education.

The commission chairman, MK Shlomo Abramov, said many of Israel's 94 museums were established by dedicated individuals who have since grown old or found the museums too expensive to maintain. Many museums, he added, do not have organized inventories of their exhibits and do not guard them properly.

The proposed law will define a public museum as a non-profit, permanent institution designed to serve the public by providing visual exhibits of man and his culture, as well as opportunities for education and research.

Museums which meet all or most of the criteria in the law, will be recognized as "public museums." A public council will then decide how much government money the museums will receive and under what conditions.

S. Africa rabbi: Jews leaving — but not for Zion

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Declaring that "significant numbers" of South African Jews had emigrated recently, Johannesburg Rabbi Norman Bernhard recently assailed local Jews who identify themselves with Zionism and then "go on aliyah to the U.S., Britain, Canada and Australia."

South Africa, he told his congregation — one of the wealthiest in the country — had been good to the Jews, and he was not one of those who saw any reason to panic because of recent developments. But if there were Jews, especially those prominent in Zionism and imbued with Jewish ideals, who for personal reasons decided to leave South Africa, they should have only one destination: Israel.

The South African government understood the pull of Zion and did not discourage aliyah, he said. In some respects it had done more for Zionism than had members of the community — and had in fact tried to play down publicity on recent Jewish emigration. In the circumstances, Afrikaans had every right to be taken back at Jews leaving at this juncture for countries other than Israel, the rabbi said.

Revava 'war of clans' flares up

KIRYAT GAT (Him). — The 20-year-old feud between rival clans on Moshav Revava near here apparently flared up again just before Pessah, when an elderly shepherd from the Hebron Hills area was taken to hospital in Ashkelon with severe facial wounds.

The shepherd, Ibrahim al-Makhrusi, 60, claimed that he had been attacked by Rahamin Na'im and another youth from the moshav on the eve of the holiday. He said the two had accused him of poisoning their sheep on behalf of a rival clan in the moshav. They also accused him of working for the rival clan, and then set about kicking him in the face.

Na'im, who was brought before the Ashkelon Magistrates Court yesterday, denied the charge and claimed that he had been spending Pessah with his family when the alleged attack occurred. The police told the court, however, that Na'im had undergone a polygraph test and had been found to be lying.

The accused told the court that he was being made the "victim of the war of the clans" on the moshav. He said that he had been working to heal the 20-year-old rift, and had asked Baruch Levy, adviser to the Prime Minister on social betterment, to look into the problem.

Na'im claimed that Levy had set up an inquiry commission whose findings were about to be published. He said that it was because these would be unpopular among certain people on the moshav that the current tension existed.

Na'im was ordered remanded for eight days while the investigation continues.

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Zaire breaks ties with Cuba

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP). — The Zaire government broke relations yesterday with Cuba because of its alleged backing of the Angola-based rebel invasion of Shaba province.

The government radio said documents proving Cuban involvement in the invasion were found on an unnamed Cuban diplomat. The radio gave no details of the documents but said all Cuban diplomats have been ordered to leave the country "in accordance with international usage."

At the same time, diplomatic sources reported that President Mobutu Sese Seko has removed popular Gen. Bumba Moasso from his post as chief of the Zaire army's general staff in a shake-up following the invasion.

Bumba told a news conference last

week his troops had found Russians, Cubans and Portuguese among dead enemy soldiers.

In view of Bumba's widespread popularity among Zaire troops, Mobutu has avoided any public announcement of his downgrading, the informants said.

Bumba was allowed to keep his title as the army's "captain-general," but was deprived of his previous authority as chief of the armed forces immediately under Supreme Commander Mobutu.

Appointed as new chief of staff was 31-year-old Gen. Babia Zinghi Malobla, a graduate of Belgium's National Military Academy and director-general of Zaire's Defence Ministry since early last year.

Babia and Bumba have long been known as personal rivals within

Zaire's military power structure, although both are considered intensely loyal to Mobutu.

The informants said Bumba has been appointed as commander of Zaire's giant military base at Kamina, the main supply base against the Marxist-oriented rebels who invaded Shaba province from Angola on March 8 and have seized about one-third of the mineral-rich province.

Reports from the copper mining centre of Kolwezi said the Zaire forces have established a strong defensive position west of the town and seem determined to hold it.

The nearest rebel positions reportedly have been stationary some 80 kms. west of Kolwezi for the past week.

Castro to tell Soviets about African trip

MOSCOW. — Cuban President Fidel Castro arrived in Moscow yesterday for talks with Soviet leaders about his marathon month-long tour of Africa.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said Castro was on "an unofficial friendly visit at the invitation of the (Soviet) central committee, the president of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Soviet government."

Castro arrived in Moscow only two hours after Soviet President Nikolai Podgorniy returned from his own 13-day tour of southern Africa.

It was thought certain Soviet leaders would want to compare notes with Castro, particularly on the talks he had in Ethiopia and subsequently with President Mohammed Siad Barre of Somalia.

Although both Ethiopia and Somalia have strongly left-wing governments proclaiming their ideology to be "scientific socialism," relations between the two are seriously strained over a territorial dispute.

The Cuban president made a semi-secret visit to Somalia after talking with Ethiopian leaders in Addis Ababa, and there was widespread speculation that he had attempted to mediate between the two.

Castro flew to Moscow from East Berlin where he had two days of talks with German Communist leaders.

In East Berlin, the news agency ADN reported that East Germany and Cuba had pledged in a communiqué to devote special attention to diplomatic relations with African states that have a socialist orientation.

The communiqué also expressed East German and Cuban solidarity with "the just battle for liberty of the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Namibia (South West Africa) and South Africa." It also expressed support for Ethiopia's revolutionary regime.

As reported by ADN, the communiqué was primarily addressed to relations with Africa by Castro's Cuba and an East Germany headed by party and government chief Erich Honecker. (UPI, Reuters, AP)

Disarmament talk is illusory

IT WAS ON November 18, 1969, that the first talks began between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to contain nuclear arms. The struggle has been long, with added emphasis provided when President Jimmy Carter said at his inauguration on January 20 that the goal is "the elimination of all nuclear weapons from this earth."

The immediate target is the signing of the next phase of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, the main aim of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's mission to Moscow late last month. The Soviets said "yes" to the latest American proposals, and Vance will now have to try again at another meeting with his Soviet counterpart, Andrei Gromyko.

The Americans did not expect success in three days of talks, but they hoped for an indication as to whether the Russians would be prepared to move now towards some kind of accord.

The situation is static. The interim accord signed in May 1972 by Soviet leader Brezhnev and President Nixon is in effect until October. Among other limitations, it set a ceiling of 2,400 intercontinental ballistic missiles, long-range bombers and other strategic delivery vehicles, with each side allowed 1,200 missiles with multiple warheads within the overall totals.

A NEW TREATY has eluded American and Soviet negotiators as disputes arose, centering on the U.S. low-lying cruise missile (the Tomahawk, which is still undesignated) and the Soviet Backfire bomber. Both sides insist the other be counted within the ceiling. Carter was prepared for a deal which would ratify the 2,400-vehicle ceiling, leave out the cruise and Backfire, and start work on the treaty. Alternatively, he was prepared to cut the totals.

Apparently, the latter was offered the Russians by Vance, and what had aroused Gromyko's ire at the press conference. At his televised interview over the weekend Zbigniew Brzezinski mentioned a lowered ceiling of 1,800 to 2,000.

At the Moscow talks, the Soviets were evidently frightened at the prospect of no restrictions on the cruise and Backfire. The Kremlin knows how much the U.S. is interested in the cruise. This drone can be launched from air, sea and land; is virtually impossible to trace as it flies low and follows land contours; can take evasive action and is remarkably accurate. The Russians have yet to match this weapon, which must be giving their defence experts the jitters.

AT THIS STAGE, the question may well be asked: President Carter can prove more effective than predecessors in arresting the superpower arms race. Thirty-two years after World War II, there are treaties in existence, all aimed at bringing about a kind of disarmament.

But none has had any perceptible effect on rocket arms. There has been no world war since 1945 millions have died in wars since then and more are dying. Figures from the Institute for Strategic Studies show how the major powers are spending money on arms.

The USSR is rated the biggest spender — \$114.1 billion, compared to \$81.1 in 1972; the U.S. is a close second with \$100.6, and \$84.5; China (1974 estimate), \$15.6; West Germany, \$12.5; and \$17.5; France, \$10.6; and \$8.2; Britain, \$10.3; and \$8.9; Japan, \$8.5; and \$9.1. Statistics quoted at the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament in Geneva in February say expenditures on global now run to \$800 billion annually.

These figures tell a sad tale, throwing into relief the pious utterances of politicians for limitations. It is enough to know that the U.S. has overtaken the USSR as the world's leading merchant.

THERE ARE NOW seven so-called multi-lateral treaties for "arms control": partial test ban treaty 1963, non-proliferation treaty of 1968, Antarctic treaty 1959, outer space treaty of 1967, Latin American nuclear-free zone treaty of 1967, bed treaty of 1972 and the biological weapons convention of 1972. That 21 U.S. agreements, including the one of 1963, and you get an impressive list of documents.

Yet the stark fact is that there has yet to be any movement between any two nations, let alone a general treaty for the destruction of a single nuclear weapon, warplane, artillery piece, tank, or even a ship. The talks have been in process since 1945, since then both superpowers have quadrupled the number of their strategic nuclear warheads. As the cruise missile and something very different labelled "Manoeuvrable Re-Entry Vehicle" are way, it is not difficult to see that there won't be an armament that matters.

Makarios suffers mild heart attack

NICOSIA. — President of Cyprus Archbishop Makarios was reported in satisfactory condition yesterday after suffering a mild heart attack while celebrating mass on Palm Sunday.

A brief communiqué said Makarios, 64, "had a mild coronary episode" on Sunday, but continues to be "in charge of state affairs." His condition is satisfactory, it added.

Official sources said the archbishop is confined to his quarters in Nicosia's palace.

He continues to be briefed on developments at the Cyprus peace talks currently held in Vienna and issues instructions as necessary to the Greek Cypriot representative Tasos Papadopoulos, the sources said.

This was the first reported heart attack experienced by the archbishop, who has been president of the island republic since independence from British rule in 1960. He has escaped at least four assassination attempts since 1970.

Under the Cyprus constitution, Makarios' duties would be taken over by Spyros Kyprianou, president of the House of Representatives, if the president's illness continued.

But Kyprianou himself was taken ill last Wednesday. He was hospitalized with what officials called "fatigue" and, though he was released on Sunday, he was advised to spend 10 days at home resting.

Waldheim: No hope of Cyprus solution in current talks

VIENNA (UPI). — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said yesterday there would be no solution to the Cyprus conflict in the current round of inter-communal negotiations here.

Waldheim, who presided over the first three days of the talks, said, "nothing more can be expected at this stage, that a serious and meaningful exchange of views between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot negotiators."

He said the current round of negotiations, which began on March 31 after a 13-month deadlock, would be followed by "technical discussions in Nicosia in May" and a further meeting in Vienna later this year.

"Negotiations will be long and arduous," Waldheim said. "There are still considerable differences between Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot positions."

The Greek-Cypriots have proposed the Turkish-Cypriots return more than half of the 38 per cent of the island they have controlled since Turkish mainland troops invaded Cyprus in 1974. The Turkish-Cypriots have proposed the two autonomous regions should come under a weak central government.



Thousands of Italian feminists, with their hands raised to form their symbol for women, demonstrated in front of Rome's Justice Palace yesterday where a group of youths are on trial for the third day charged with kidnapping and raping a 14-year-old girl. The feminists were angered by a district attorney who had cast doubt on the girl's testimony. (UPI telephoto)

New Congo president named as calm prevails

BRAZZAVILLE. — The Congo's military rulers have announced that a former defence minister, Colonel Joachim Thombi Opango, has taken over the duties of head of state following last month's assassination of President Marien Ngouabi.

An official announcement here named Opango as president of the Military Committee of the Congolese Labour Party, the country's only legal political grouping. He is also president of the Council of Ministers, according to the announcement on Sunday.

The Military Committee was given full powers by the Party's Central Committee after Ngouabi was murdered at his palace in Brazzaville on March 18.

The committee also named two vice-presidents — Major Louis Sylvestre Ngoma, who retains the premiership, and Major Denis Sassou Nguesso, who held the defence portfolio.

The appointment of Nguesso, a northerner of the Mboshi tribe, and Ngoma, a southerner of the Lari tribe, appeared to be part of a council effort to avert an outbreak of tribal warfare in the wake of

Ngouabi's death and the kidnapping of four days later, apparently in revenge, of Cardinal Emile Biyenda, Archbishop of Brazzaville. Ngouabi was a Mboshi, and Biyenda was a Lari.

The council said a new cabinet and a "declaration of general policy" would be announced shortly.

Ngouabi had intensified the Marxist policies adopted by his deposed predecessor, Alphonse Massamba-Debat, for this impoverished country of 1.3 million people.

Brazzaville retained the calm that has been the rule despite two assassinations, seven executions and a purge of the army over the past two and a half weeks.

Ex-president Massamba-Debat, 58, was executed by a firing squad March 25 after he allegedly confessed plotting the assassination of Ngouabi, who had overthrown him nine years before.

On March 26 an additional six persons went before the firing squad. Four members of Ngouabi's bodyguard, were convicted of conspiring at his murder; and two allegedly took part in the killing of Cardinal Biyenda. (Reuters, UPI)

Buling party ousted in Fiji elections

SUVA, Fiji (AP). — The ruling Alliance Party was ousted after 10 years of power in general elections that ended yesterday, leaving this South Pacific nation with a major political crisis.

The opposition National Federation Party, which is backed by about three-quarters of the country's 280,000 Indians, won 26 of the 32 seats in the House of Representatives. This is not enough to give the party the absolute majority needed to rule.

Fight with rebels cuts roads from Laos capital

VIENTIANE, LAOS (AP). — Soldiers stopped traffic from the north and northeast into the Laotian capital over the weekend following fighting between insurgents and the government, reliable sources said yesterday.

But the sources denied all rumours circulating in neighbouring Thailand that fighting occurred inside the city and that the former King of Laos, Savang Vatthana, was involved.

Turks hold up transit of Iraqi oil

NICOSIA (AP). — Deliveries of Iraqi crude oil to the Mediterranean via the new trans-Turkey pipeline have been delayed by a price dispute between Iraq and Turkey, the "Middle East Economic Survey" (MEES) reported yesterday.

The dispute concerns the price at which the oil will be made available to Turkey for its own use at the Mediterranean terminal of Dorytol, MEES said.

The Iraqis have offered to sell the Turks crude at between \$13.50 and \$15.50 a barrel, including a 30-cent-per-barrel transit fee.

MEES said "the Turks are apparently holding out for a substantially lower price."

Deliveries through the pipeline were scheduled to start in April. During 1977, Turkey, which has an option to take up to 40 per cent of the crude for its own use, was scheduled to take 120,000-130,000 barrels a day of the 500,000-barrel-a-day capacity.

With the opening of the Kirkuk-Dorytol line delayed and the 1.4m-barrel-a-day pipeline across Syria to the Lebanese port of Tripoli closed a year ago because of a feud with Syria over transit fees, Iraq has been diverting its Kirkuk production to the so-called "strategic pipeline" that carries it south to Basrah on the Persian Gulf.

22 Libyan officers executed for plot against Gaddafi

CAIRO (Reuters). — Twenty-two Libyan army officers have been executed for their part in an alleged plot against Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in 1975, three semi-official Cairo newspapers reported yesterday.

The newspapers "Al-Ahram" and "Al-Gomhouriya" carried the report under a Tripoli dateline, while "Al-Akhar" gave no dateline. The three uncorroborated versions were almost identical.

The newspapers said the men, who were executed last Saturday, were among a group of 33 officers whose death sentences had been confirmed by Gaddafi.

Coffee smugglers burned alive by Ugandan troops

NAIROBI (AP). — Ugandan troops have executed a gang of coffee smugglers by burning them alive on an island in Lake Victoria, the "Daily Nation" newspaper said yesterday.

The Kenyan paper, quoting what it called reliable sources, said the smugglers were captured as they were running coffee across the lake from Uganda into Kenya for shipment abroad.

The men were taken to Kigali Island by the soldiers "and told to lie down," the "Nation" said. They "were covered with empty sacks and petrol was poured over them. They were then set alight."

The reported executions were apparently in retaliation for the killing of a soldier by smugglers in an earlier clash, the paper added.

In that incident, a Ugandan army helicopter opened fire on a smugglers' boat on Lake Victoria. The smugglers fired back, killing the soldier and forcing the helicopter to crash-land on Kigali.

Several smugglers have been reported slain in clashes with the military and between rival gangs in recent weeks as coffee smuggling has mushroomed into a major racket in East Africa to cash in on sky-high world coffee prices.

Callaghan threatened by wave of pay-curb strikes

LONDON (AP). — Militant coalminers and auto workers on Sunday threatened a campaign of lightning strikes across Britain in a growing clamour by labour unions for an end to pay curbs.

The move will increase pressure on Prime Minister James Callaghan's hard-pressed Labour government to scrap the curbs and thus jeopardize its strategy to revive Britain's ailing economy.

It will also intensify the government's political troubles and heighten speculation that Callaghan may be forced to call a general election by the fall.

The union-agreed pay curbs (the "social contract") have for the last year limited pay hikes to about four pounds (about £14) on weekly bases. The government says they are the key factor in its fight against inflation, currently running at an annual rate of around 18 per cent.

But on Sunday more than 1,700 union representatives of rebellious British Leyland auto workers voted to hold a string of one-day walkouts at Leyland and other plants from April 20 to support their demands for scrapping the pay curbs.

And at the same time Arthur Scargill, militant leader of 65,000 Yorkshire miners, warned the

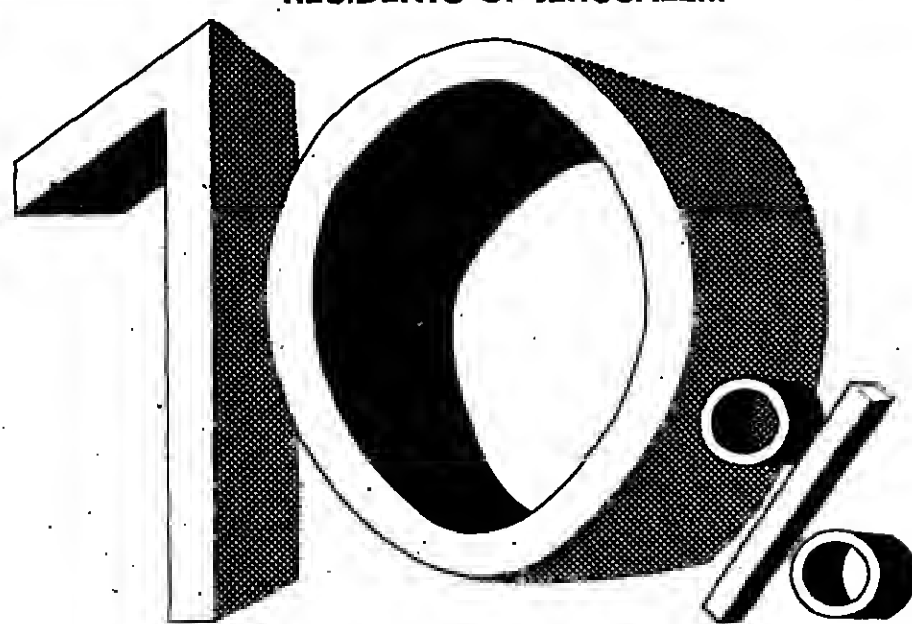
government and the Trades Union Congress (TUC), "As far as we are concerned, we've had it. No more social contract. The only way we're working people will destroy the contract, restore free collective bargaining and bring back the standard of life we enjoyed in 1974."

(The unions charge that the curbs, which began two years ago, are scheduled for renewal, have sharply lowered living standards.)

Scargill, whose words were echoed by other union leaders, called on the alliance of Labour and Liberals last week to keep the minority government in power more widely denounced by Labour, which has close links to the unions.

Meanwhile, British Airways predicting another chaotic day following cancellation of domestic, European and international flights because of a dispute which flared at the weekend. More than 100 flights were cancelled on Sunday because the maintenance engineers refused work the night shift or any overtime. The wholesale cancellations, 10,000 passenger bookings of firm £5.2m.

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Synagogue-going in Eretz Yisrael

By GLORIA DEUTSCH / Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE FIRST VISIT to an Israeli synagogue can be a great disappointment for a westernized Jew. Expecting a deep spiritual experience — he is at last about to pray in Eretz Yisrael — he often encounters the opposite. He is sometimes overcome by a feeling of such alienation that he can't wait to get back to the carpeted comforts of his "own" synagogue in New York or London.

The average Israeli synagogue has little to attract the Jew from abroad. The "Great Synagogue" in most towns is usually an architecturally unexciting structure, distinguished only by the electric Menorah on its roof. The only other sign that this is a place of worship may be some dreary stained glass windows, or the knots of elderly men in hats waiting for the doors to open.

Inside, amateurishly-painted wall frescoes surround the Ark, and rows of wooden benches face it. The women's section is usually well-camouflaged with thick meshing or grubby sheets. In the smaller synagogues, the men sit around tables and the women are banished to another room altogether, out of sight and even sound.

There could still be a spiritual experience, even in such surroundings, were prayers conducted differently. But the visitor from abroad is immediately struck by the lack of harmony in every sense. People are praying, but not together. Some have finished and are deep in conversation, ignoring the cantor who is inarticulate and unmusical. Gossip, children run in and out unchecked. Very often arguments develop unhappily, and the women stand on their seats, craning their necks to see what is going on. At times the noise reaches crescendo.

Into this chaos walks our visitor, clutching his leather-bound prayerbook with its English translation. He cannot follow the service. There is no prayer for the President or the Queen to act as a milestone on the way to Moscow, and for the other congregants he receives only unhelpful glances which add to his feeling of inadequacy. By the time he has dis-

covered the place in the book and is ready to join in, the others have begun stampeding to the door. No community singing, no sermon, no announcements.

Many newcomers from the West, unable to find an Orthodox synagogue they can feel at home in, either go Conservative, or stop going to synagogue altogether. Some are lucky enough to have in their town a place of worship like the New Synagogue in Netanya, where Rabbi Forman, himself a new immigrant, has established fully-Orthodox yet easy-to-follow services with melodic hymn-singing and followed by a Shabbat Kiddush. There are social and cultural activities and even an "Irish Night" — a compromise title because the English women wanted to call it the Ladies' Guild and the Americans the Sisterhood.

If more synagogues were to emerge on the lines of the "New" they might well be a factor in preventing the emigration of people who miss their "Jewish" identity. In time they might also make an appeal to the average non-Orthodox Israeli, who feels as out of place as the tourist because he has never learnt the protocol of synagogue-going. To him the rabbi is little more than a religious functionary, available for marriage, divorce and burial.

Anyone who has watched the non-religious Israeli come to the synagogue to say Kizkor, instantly recognisable by a sleeveless dress or a knotted handkerchief as a head-covering, can only be overwhelmed by the pity of it. Pity that we have been polarised into two extremes, the religious and the secular, leaving no place for the myriads of in-between.

In England, South Africa and the U.S. many Jews attend Orthodox synagogues without being Orthodox and do not feel they are being inconsistent. Here, since the choice is all or nothing they usually choose nothing, just as the majority of Israelis have done for years.

Gloria Deutsch is a free-lance writer from England now living in Israel.



FASHION / Joanna Yehiel

Grin and bare it

WOMEN are going to have a grin-and-hare it summer, by the look of things to come. Fashion shows of spring-into-summer collections by our top local fashion firms (who apart from the ubiquitous Ats) are the dictators of what we're going to wear, said it all loud and clear: it's going to be a long, hot, summer. But we're not going to lose our cool.

After years of sweating it out in man-made fabrics (surely no women were involved?), our designers have gone back to cotton.

What have Miff, Bennet, Alaska, Mit-soom-soom and Gypsy produced

for us? Cotton denim, cotton drill, cotton chesedoth, cotton poplin... all in fresh as fresh whites (and cotton keeps its gleam through any number of washings), in red-white-blue stripes, or in exciting print combinations.

So much for fabric. What about shape? That, too, has lost the strict, tubular lines of last year, and skirts are a bit up the sides or have kick pleats at the back. The waist is back in position, often with a narrow belt, attached in a contrast colour or fabric. Tops — well, they're minimal and sleeves are almost non-existent.



Clockwise from top left: pinafore dress (IL223) by Alaska; sun-dress with up sides (IL224), from Alaska; through fish-net top over denim jeans (pants IL225, IL224) by Miff; show-a-shoulder overalls by Mit-soom-soom (IL490); Benner cover-up stripes; and a romantic off-shoulder dress by Gypsy (IL480).

'They all said I was crazy,' says the originator

Folk-song way to make newcomers feel at home

By LEA LEVAVI

WERNER CORNEL FLEMING was a medical student in Australia, he sang folk-songs for a living; in addition to driving a taxi and working on the railway. Today he is a surgeon in the Israeli Air Force, but he still sings folk-songs — this time for fun and to help absorb new olim.

"I got the idea from some shikim (emissaries)," he explained when we met at "The Cellar" — the basement of the Youth Centre in Rehov Hefman in Tel Aviv — where his folk evenings are held every other Thursday from 10 p.m. until one or two in the morning. "They wanted to know why so many of the young people they sent here had gone back. They discovered that one reason was a lack of places to meet people. Where can young people here go after work except to a movie or a private party?"

Cornel suggested that a folk-song club be set up. "They all thought I was crazy and said nobody would be interested in folk-singing. But of all the clubs set up following a meeting between emissaries and immigrants only ours has kept going."

For the first eight months, admission to the club was free. However, since the singers are given free beer and there are other expenses, Cornel and his friends found themselves spending money out of their own pockets. A IL2.50 admission charge was made, which has now gone up to IL4.00, largely due to increases in beer prices.

The audience is made up mostly of English-speaking immigrants though many sabras come, and occasionally immigrants from other

parts of the world. "One girl called me and said she was a Greek folk-singer and that she would like to sing here. I'm sorry she didn't show up, because we've never had anyone sing in Greek here. We did have one American girl with a Japanese boyfriend. She would sing one verse of a song in English, and he would

sing the next verse in Japanese."

No one of the singers is paid — except for receiving free beer. One singer who is now a secretary said she would like to be a professional singer. Another two, who sang in London pubs are now working for Israel Aircraft Industries. Most of those who get up to sing are just or-

dinary working people who enjoy folk-singing.

"Even though I have to get up at seven in the morning to get my son ready for school I wouldn't miss staying here until the end," one woman said. "If I have to miss a session because I'm sick or something, I really feel the loss. It's something I can't live without."



Warm rapport between singers and listeners can stretch a session into an hours-long exchange. (Lester J. Millman)

need." The evening went on, and more people joined in with the singing and freely requested their favorite numbers. Songs were being sung in both English and Hebrew at the same time. More and more beer was consumed, attempts at harmonization became more daring and the atmosphere became more relaxed. The two corners of the room were now singing and playing instruments, not the better for drink, but for the love of the music.

It was getting late and even Cornel had to admit it was time to close up.

"As you can see, we don't need more people to come listen to us. We have a lot of people here. I do most. Often we have to close early and turn people away. We could use more singers, though. We also would like people to tell us what we are doing, because I have heard complaints from kids on the bus that there isn't any singing in Israel." (Though he was the word "kids" frequently, most of the people who come to the club are in their 20's and 30's.)

"When is the next outing?" someone suddenly asked. "It's probably fairly soon to the Go' Heights," Cornel answered.

"We had intended to start our folk-singing club, but many people who came asked why we don't have outings so now we go away weekends about once a month. Last one was to the Hermon area."

English-speaking immigrants sabras pay their own way on the outings, he said, but any which can be saved from the night admissions is used to subsidize less affluent immigrants from pennies so that they, too, can go on outings.

First Lady of South African theatre has come to see Israel's Habima

By DORA SOWDEN

TAUBIE KUSHLICK, known as the "First Lady of the South African Theatre" far beyond Southern Africa's borders, is visiting Israel to discuss with the Habima Theatre (at the management's request) ways of making Habima productions more travel-worthy and perhaps negotiating for a Habima visit to South Africa. She is and has been for the past 46 years a highly successful stage producer, director, promoter, actress and theatre manager. "A theatre, however famous," she says, "cannot stand still." Her recipe for Habima is an "injection of distinguished directors" and a change of policy towards the English language.

Creative direction could, she said, prove that "theatre can communicate" beyond the language barrier. Israel should aim at giving tourists somewhere to go and Habima should make itself more comprehensible both to visitors and newcomers.

This could be done through the choice of productions which would include visual effects, music, movement and translation. "Earphones are not good enough," she said.

She has seen "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" here and considers the acting and production top rank by any standards. Yet it couldn't travel because of the language barrier. She would like to do a production that could interest both Hebrew-speaking and other audiences — perhaps run it parallel in Hebrew and English (even if only for one night a week) or so adapt it as to attract those who know little or no Hebrew.

This is no impractical or unproved idea. Taubie Kushlick brought the

Greek actress Aleka Katsell to South Africa, and staged the show (acting as English counterpart herself) so that even Greeks said they understood her better, because Katsell declaimed classical Greek.

"I have found that nearly all the Habima actors speak English well," said Mrs. Kushlick. "Accent isn't important, I haven't come to hear an Oxford accent. Habima should start something which would interest both Israeli and other audiences. I don't mean those American comedies and little English things, but big theatre. There must be entertainment, but there must also be value."

On the plane coming here she met author Haim Potok. They drew up a list of possibilities — including "King Lear" — "Oedipus Rex" (which she did in South Africa), — even pantomime. "Of course I would also like to do good and suitable Israeli plays."

This is not Taubie Kushlick's first visit. She came for three days a few years ago to audition for her "Fiddler on the Roof" production (in English) and chose Shimon Israel as Tevya and Lia Dulitzkaya as Golda.

She persuaded Hal Prince to let her have the rights for "Cabaret" and "Fiddler" by suggesting that all royalties and part of the profits should go to promoting "black" theatre. If she brings Habima to South Africa it will be to play to multi-racial audiences.

"I should like to do an English-language production, give it a trial run here and then take it abroad," she said. She also has a message for Israel: "South Africa is in love with you."



Taubie Kushlick (Israel Sun)

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MANOF centre in Nahariya offers dropouts a wholesome life

A place in the sun

By EVELYN STROUSE /
Special to The Jerusalem Post

government is not a matter of simply giving an order. Everyone is for the first time in his life eating wholesome food at regular intervals; for the first time in his life conversing at mealtimes with his peers and his elders; and for the first time in his life discharging a position of trust and responsibility.

How has it been possible to turn the chaos of their lives into order? Everybody concerned with the project gives first laurels to the director, Yacov Oshayon. A 32-year-old Moroccan-born Israeli, raised in a town near the Lebanese border, where his parents still live, he spent 11 years in the army and was a major when he moved to the job at MANOF. He is attractive, unburdened, responsive — and was chosen unanimously over several scores of stiffly-competing applicants, in spite of their advanced degrees and experience in education.

Chaim Adler, head of the NCJW Institute, says that the selection committee narrowed the field to four and set them to role-playing; Oshayon's sensitive appraisal and thoughtful handling of the problems devised made him the unequivocal victor. He is married and has two children, as do several other staff members; staff families are frequent and welcome visitors, but visitors they remain.

Yacov Oshayon has set the tone. His natural courtesy and sense of the fitness of things are reflected in his staff, so that each person who deals with the boys, from the head counselor to the guard, has established himself as a respected friend. Considering the distrust with which the boys had eyed most adults, this is achievement of a pretty high order.

THE BOYS are given a week after they arrive to settle in. Yacov says that in contrast to last year, this

year's group actively wanted to join, suggesting that they perhaps also wanted to succeed. But settling in does not mean smoking cigarettes and kicking a soccer ball around to get the feel of things. It means tasks from the moment of arrival, unlikely once, unexpected.

One boy at each table at each meal is asked to see that the dishes are scraped, stacked, and taken to the kitchen. Three or four are asked to serve and three or four others to help with the washing-up. This of boys who had always grabbed something from the fridge, or stayed at table just long enough to fill their bellies and go their way. At the beginning they often forgot to clear away and an occasional one stoutly refuses, but before the first week is over they act as though they've been clearing tables all their lives.

In that first week they are introduced to regular classroom work as well as to their vocational electives. A general meeting is held daily to discuss scheduling, organization, and committee responsibilities.

They discover that they govern themselves, town-meeting fashion. There is a food committee, a cultural committee, a discipline committee, and a judicial board. Although the boys decide on the necessity for and nature of punishment, they frequently seek staff guidance. After the first several days of acquaintance and assessment are over, committee heads are elected and the full programme is launched.

It is demanding. Up at 6:30, make the bed and straighten the room, breakfast at 7, study from 7:45 until 10:30, resume at 11, lunch at 1. The afternoon is almost as crowded, with classes from 2:30 until 5:30, a 15-minute break and from 5:30 until 7:30 very small groups variously involved in music, art, drama, English, and crafts, all under the heading of cultural enrichment. After dinner there are the somewhat more relaxed activities of singing, dancing (new to most of the group), group discussion, and general meetings.

One evening a week movies are shown and one evening a week is spent in town. The boys sometimes take out the local girls, testimony to good behaviour on the boys' part and cooperation on the part of Nahariya residents. Lights are out at 11:30.

SO BARE an outline gives no hint of the transformation in the boys. They come to the residence with little more than the clothes they stand up in, penniless and ill-at-ease. Rarely do their parents visit them — last year not more than one or two turned up — and even the street-workers who recommend them boid out small hope of success.

Yacov tells about the boy in last year's group who was so threatening to the others that he was asked to leave. But he pleaded for a second chance — fundamentally he wanted to be at MANOF and not at home — was reinstated, and struggled to change his habits and his attitude. So well did he succeed, this once-violent boy, that he is now on a missile boat.

Yacov tells the story proudly, and adds another about a 17-year-old who became a committee head and discharged his duties so efficiently that when his street-worker came to visit he could only shake his head and murmur, "Impossible."

But Yacov and his staff are artisans of the possible and have transmitted their faith to at least one boy, who is now studying to be a counsellor, with a view to returning to the centre or his own village. Although the auguries are good, they are not, after only a year and a half, to be equated with scientific prediction. Last year's group is functioning well, because unusual effort has been put into finding the most suitable milieu — work, school, or army — for each boy, and into encouraging him all along the way.

It is a pleasure to eat with the boys, who want to know about you and your life and who tell you about theirs, and whose careful table manners say more than their words. It is instructive to see them in their classrooms, and especially to be shown the work of their hands. And it is best of all to be told, when lunch is over on Friday, that they are sorry not to be able to spend more time with you but they have to play soccer against Nahariya High School.

ON A QUIET street in Nahariya, a kilometre or less from the sea, you can sometimes watch a couple of dozen boys playing soccer. Very good soccer, too, marked by the instant reflexes and tricky footwork of the expert. Jiggling impatiently along the side, a dozen more boys wait their turn.

They are of an age, big and small, manly and childish though they variously appear; all seem loog out of the nursery and yet uncertain in this town. In fact, they are between 16 and 18 and are members of an experiment called MANOF, Hebrew for crane (the kind that lifts up, not the kind that flies) and acronym for Mercat Leno'ar Pimlialti (residential youth centre).

But you would have to be lucky to catch them, because their working schedule is very tight and only for an hour or so after lunch and again in the late afternoon have they time for serious sport. The rest of the day and most evenings are spent in the two houses where they live, work, and legislate their lives.

The houses are opposite each other on the street where you watched them play ball, and before the advent of the boys they were small pensions, pretty, freshly-painted, banked with roses, chrysanthemums, and daisies, shaded by poinsettias and a huge rubber tree. Inside the larger are most of the classrooms and bedrooms, an office or two, and the big kitchen and bigger dining-recreation room, one of its walls all glass.

The main business of the other house is photography; almost the entire ground floor is devoted to equipment, developing and display. Many of the pictures have been taken with a camera obscura, which the boys make themselves.

Photography, electronics, and architectural drawing are the three vocational electives the boys are offered; having chosen, they spend 18 hours a week at them. Their academic programme includes Hebrew, mathematics, a bit of English, a bit of history. Attendance is always voluntary. Whether they suffer these tools gladly is uncertain, but cut classes they usually do not and progress they do.

IT MUST BE pointed out that these boys are school dropouts, that half of them are memorialized on police

blotters, and that all of them come from overcrowded, underinvolved homes. They are the kind of boys, in short, whom the army rejects and whose last resource of socialization and training is thus denied them. Which is not to say that they would have made it in the army or even have wanted to be there. They simply would not have been given the chance.

MANOF has changed all that. This is the second year of an imaginative, highly organized experiment in rehabilitation of boys who had experienced nothing positive, at least in society's view. It is a joint project of an American organization, the National Council of Jewish Women's (NCJW) Research Institute for Innovation in Education and the Education Ministry's Youth Bureau, headed by Michael Gal.

Financed in large part by the Rothschild Foundation, with follow-up and research carried out by NCJW and funded by the Youth Bureau, it accepts 36 boys who spend nine months under the guidance of a teaching and domestic staff of about 20. The boys, mostly from northern towns, are recommended by youth group leaders and street-workers and are sick of lives that led — they are beginning to learn — to a dead-end.

They arrive at the centre in October, remain until the following March, spend from April until June on a kibbutz, and then, under sensitive supervision, enter vocational school or the army, or take apprenticeship jobs. It is significant that, rather than go home, the first-year pilot group chose to return to the centre in the interval between leaving the kibbutz and starting to work or study. It is always open to them, even after they have, theoretically, left, just as the staff is always open to their problems and mindful of pitfalls.

TO TAKE 36 boys literally off the street and set them down in a large, pleasant house where they eat three meals a day, sleep in comfortable beds, and adhere to a packed schedule of study, special training, organized recreation, and self-



creative arts at the MANOF residential youth centre. (Ruth Oren)

home

AVIV. A little bit of movie story has just been made in Israel, and it's called "To Be or Not to Be" — a comedy starring Louis Chisick. The film, which is being shown at the Gaiety Theatre here earlier this month, is a comedy about a Jewish family in Poland during the war. It's a comedy about a Jewish family in Poland during the war. It's a comedy about a Jewish family in Poland during the war.

Chisick was equally impressed —

amused — nearly a quarter of

the film was shown in New York, when he

showed a copy of the picture from

during a visit there last year. "I

played a private showing and

packed throughout the screening in

completely empty hall. As com-

edy is infectious, and can really only

be appreciated in the presence

of an audience, this made me decide

to take a chance with it." So he went

and acquired the movie, dis-

tributing it here through Forum

Film Ltd.

In Chisick's opinion "To Be" is

"one of the most compact and slick

comedies ever made, with brilliant

acting and dialogue and the added

bonus of real suspense. And, of

course, it has the famous 'Lubitsch

touch,' which can best be defined as

a sparkling combination of wit and

irony.

"When this production opened at

the Gaiety last July, most people knew

nothing about it and it is clear that

the amazing success which followed

was based largely on word of mouth.

But the reason for the success cannot

be explained. Certainly, as far as

releases are concerned, this is a

flash in the pan which is extremely

unlikely ever to be repeated in

Israel, while in fact it has caused

quite a sensation in the world cinema

trade.

Chisick feels "the ease of 'To Be'

epitomizes the whole movie

business. It is really like roulette,

and, although experience and intuition

do obviously give the distributor a

certain advantage, in the last

analysis one simply cannot

generalize about the taste of

audiences.

He was particularly impressed by

the picture's popularity among

young people — very few of whom

could ever have heard of Carole

Lombard or Jack Benny before.

Many of them came to see it two or

even three times. The film will be

screened all over the country within

the next few weeks.

Chisick recalls that when "The

Great Dictator" was re-issued here a

few years ago, Chaplin's superb

satire on Nazi Germany ran for only

one week in Tel Aviv. And even

such local box-office hits of the past

decade as "The Godfather," "The

Sting," "Last Tango in Paris,"

"Jaws" and "One Flew Over the

Cuckoo's Nest" all had considerably

shorter runs in the city than the

reissue of "To Be."

Its success in Tel Aviv was all the

more unexpected in view of the con-

tinuous decline in cinema atten-

dances in Israel — which, prior to

television, were per capita one of the

highest in the world. But Chisick

states bluntly that "theatre-owners

are in many cases contributing to

their own downfall by the very in-

adequate services they provide for

their audience. They seem to have

forgotten that they now have strong

competition from both local and

Jordanian TV, which people can watch

in the comfort of their homes."

Among Chisick's future plans are

bringing over several more classic

film comedies, and using the profits

from "To Be" finally to realize an

old dream of his. It is to produce a

film here based on his own outline,

which will be a human story featur-

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much-travelled Chisick has a vast

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Bernstein's triumphs ... and his failures

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Lukas Foss, conducting; Beth Menn, piano (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, March 29). Two Meditations from "Mass"; "The Age of Anxiety," Symphony No. 3 for piano and orchestra; Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story"; Symphonic Suite from the film "On the Waterfront."

THIS IS the first time that a living composer has been honoured with a whole festival dedicated to his music, and Leonard Bernstein has thus been paid unprecedented homage.

Bernstein is one of the most compelling musical personalities of our time, a miraculous conductor, a fine pianist, a major musical educator who has brought the joy of music to millions, a gifted writer. However, the importance and weight of many of his compositions remain a matter of dispute and this opening evening did not help up to disperse our doubts.

When Bernstein deals with the American urban scene, specifically New York, he speaks with a powerful, personal voice which lifts the "musical theatre" and its associated forms to unprecedented heights. Thus "West Side Story" is not only one of his most powerful works. Despite its marked eclecticism, it speaks a language all its own and creates an unmistakable American genre of colour, atmosphere, social dynamics and dialects. Musically speaking, the work contains marvels of rhythmic, harmonic and instrumental inven-

tion. Even the Symphonic Suite "On the Waterfront," despite its many banalities, is highly effective and often exciting. However, when Bernstein tries to be intellectually sophisticated, or philosophical, or when he uses musical symbols "translating" or depicting ideas or literary content, as in "The Age of Anxiety," he falls painfully. His lengthy explanations (there seems to be a striking affinity to Mahler) and the music itself create unbridgeable gaps. The music of "The Age" does not even hint at the shattering reality of Auden's lines. We had the same experience when we listened to his "Dybbuk" Suite last year.

Performances were adequate but not brilliant (as they should have been) and the syncretistic rhythms with which "The Age" and the two last pieces abound, did not stand out with sufficient clarity, accuracy or vigour. Foss was highly impressive in the lyrical passages and in those in which Bernstein is an untarnished follower of romanticism (Mahler) but many other sections sounded laboured.

Ruth Mense gave an excellent account of the piano part of "The Age." She never forgot that the piece was not a concerto in the usual sense and the solo part was but one of its components. Her performance was exact, musically correct and well balanced in sound.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

The music wasn't Japanese

JAPANESE MUSIC — Kazuo Noma, classical dance; Chika Grommeyer, soprano; Wendy Elster, flute; Sarah Furukawa, piano; Avraham Melamed, violin; Evi Harari, cello (Zary Music Centre, Eilat, March 28). Yoshie Iriana: 2 Pieces for Cello Solo; Nishimura (classical dance); Flower Viewing Dance; Juncal Mirano: 2 Movements for Piano; Mitake Katsuragi: "Poems of the Sea"; Tetsuya Kato: Piano Trio; Yoshie Iriana: "Mitsue" for Flute Solo; Film: Introduction to Traditional Japanese Music. Produced by Uri Appelfeld.

ONLY THE DANCE (with taped music) and the film were genuine examples of how we expected Japanese music to sound. The rest was composed by people born between the two World Wars (one even in 1947), and their music bears traces and influences of many varied streams of Western music, including Faure, Mussorgsky, Brahms and more contemporary trends. The only common denominator was the

nationality of the composers, as there was no reminder (to my ear, anyway) of traditional Japanese music.

The cello pieces explored wide vistas of sound and texture and the same could be said about the piano pieces, which could have been written by a composer of any national identity. Since this phenomenon is found in every culture nowadays, the comment should not be construed as criticism. One might have expected the songs, which Miss Grommeyer sang in Japanese, to have shown a closer link with their traditional background because of the words. But, strangely enough, it was here that Faure and Mussorgsky made themselves felt. With these reservations, the flute solo and the piano trio made interesting listening.

YORHAN BOHEM

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TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 16.00 Riverside stories. 15.15 The Pied Piper of Hamelin, according to Browning's story (animated). 16.30 Only a Child — A British actor makes a sentimental journey back to the scenes of his childhood in a Jewish neighbourhood of London.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 Telepo. 17.30 Gumby — puppet show. 19.00 Motel Ben Pyshe. Baboon by Shalom Aleichem (Part II).

ASARIC LANGUAGE programmes: 18.30 Most round table. 18.35 Special regards from residents of Tel Aviv.

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ON THE AIR

First Programme. 7.07 Morning concert: Mozart: Serenade in C Major, K.385 "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik"; Beethoven: 5 Songs (Lied) Op. 48, 1. Yasep; Quartet No. 2, Op. 48, 1. Yasep; Quartet No. 2, Op. 48, 1. Yasep; Quartet No. 2, Op. 48, 1. Yasep.

10.07 Programme announcements. 10.17 (Stereo): David Quintet for Woodwind Op. 56, No. 1. Brahms: Quintet in B Minor for Clarinet and Strings, Op. 115; Ravel: Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Natad zooms to IL11.17

TEL AVIV. — The Natad investment fund yesterday zoomed to IL11.17, achieving an all-time high. The 12.5 per cent advance came as a result of a band of over 400,000, while only 100,000 shares were exchanged.

The intermediate days of the Passover holiday securities market are curtailed, since there is no trading because the banks are only during the morning hours of the day, trading in the afternoon.

The Natad fund, which has been climbing higher, as the share price of the equity market has risen in the last few days.

The Bank Leumi fund, which has been trading at 232.5, saw its price rise to 233.5, while the Bank Leumi fund, which has been trading at 232.5, saw its price rise to 233.5.

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The General Index of Share Prices rose by 0.88 per cent to stand at 121.78.

Elite continued its winning ways of last week. The share was 22 ahead to 414. Frutarom joined the list of shares traded on a "buyers only" basis and saw its price marked at 178.

Investment company issues were steady. Flyon managed a goodly gain of 20 to stand at 640.

All signs point to a continuation of demand for shares. Last week exhibited some marked fluctuations, as only 88 shares advanced, while 101 declined. Nevertheless, at the end of the week the market acted very strongly. The demand for shares spilled over into yesterday's session and once the Bank Leumi notation is placed, there will be large sums of money available for other investment.

Security analysts expect that a portion of these funds will find their way into the equity market.

The action of the Natad investment fund again points to renewed focus of a major devaluation in late May or early June. At IL11.17 the Natad dollar is trading at a premium of over 30 per cent above the legal rate of exchange.

Most active issues

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Shares traded:		IL230.00
Bonds:		IL12.8m.
Natad:		IL11.17-12.5n.
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Property & Building	r	278	269
Irmas	b	312.5	315
Mohadrin	r	644	555
L.C.P. Citrus	r	428.5	423
Nesco	r	325.5	322
Per Or Ltd.	b	475	480.5
Rasoco - 5% pref.	r	222	218
Rasoco	r	182.5	180

INDUSTRIAL Alliance - B	r	495	1000
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Electra - 5	r	392.5	390
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Ata - C	r	178.5	177.5
Dubek	b	625	590
Elco - Wire & Cable	r	155.5	158
Teva	r	1177	1155
Chem. & Phosphates	r	228	228
Lewin Epstein	r	217	206
Moller Textile	r	247.5	259.5
Paper Mills	r	257.8	245
Asia - 1971	r	224.5	222
Nechutan 8% pref.	b	817	800
Elitte	r	414	392
Shemen - 8% pref.	b	273	260
Frutarom	r	179	170.5
Frutarom New	r	188	188
Elron IL2	r	690	656

INVESTMENT COMPANIES Elgar	b	249.5	248
Elron	b	355	350
Elron Central Trade	b	320	320
Hapoalim	b	257	257
Par	b	699	668
Wolfson - IL10	b	188	188
Ampa	b	190	190
Discount	b	256	256
United Miralim	b	235	237
Bank Leumi	b	256	258.5
Plyon	r	180	190
Export Bank	r	208	208
Clal	r	245	245
Clal Industries	r	245	245

FUEL, OIL AND UTILITIES Naphta OTC	r	1400	1361
Lapidoth OTC	r	1409	1409
Jordan Warrants	r	3000	2900
Delek	r	485	470
Israel Electric Corp.	r	470	460

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Market loses ground

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market lost ground yesterday, giving the Dow Jones average a 10-point drop to 1,000. The market's rally on Friday, which had been expected to continue, was halted by a sharp drop in the price of oil, which fell from \$10.50 to \$9.50 a barrel.

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Standing up to the Arab boycott

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The British branch of the well known international public relations firm of Ogilvy, Benson & Mather has affirmed that it will not submit to the Arab boycott, that it would "adhere rigidly to an apolitical conduct of its operations and that in its associate agency relationships political or nationalistic considerations would not bear on the decision."

At the end of last year the Bing-Linal advertising agency here enquired whether Ogilvy, Benson & Mather in London was prepared to cooperate on a prospective international account. Bing-Linal received an affirmative reply from the head of the firm's international media department, M.J. Hook. But

on January 4 this year, Hook retracted his earlier consent. "We could only work with you on business which would not contravene the Arab boycott...regardless of whether or not it is the correct way to conduct international business, we have to concede that such a boycott exists."

Taken aback by this change of attitude, a Bing-Linal executive brought Hook's letter to the attention of the chairman of the Anglo-Israeli Chamber of Commerce, Louis Goodman (who is a director of Marks and Spencer).

The enquiry brought from Ogilvy, Benson & Mather vice-president A.E. Pitcher an unequivocal statement that his firm's international policy was not swayed by the Arab boycott. He termed Hook's letter "a stupid mis-statement."

Weekly German charter flights in April

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The German Neckermann Travel Company, Europe's largest, will inaugurate weekly charter flights to Israel on April 18. Mrs. F. Luft, director of the Daka Travel company, the Neckermann agents here, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The flights, to be operated by the Condor Company, a subsidiary of Lufthansa, will be in Boeing 727 planes which will arrive every Saturday night with 128 tourists. The

visitors will spend an average two and a half weeks in the country. Mrs. Luft said that for the moment the flights are planned until November 12, with 2,000 reservations already booked at hotels all over the country. Discussion on the extension of the flights through the winter are going on.

Until now Neckermann has been flying in small groups of tourists on regular Lufthansa flights. The charter flights will greatly expand the firm's tourist activities here. Neckermann also brings here large numbers of tourists by sea.

Parents' home is daughter's 'residence'

The Supreme Court, by majority decision, dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court.

The appellant left her parents' home in Rehovot in 1970 and went to stay with an old bachelor uncle in Tel Aviv, where she had found work. She continued to visit her parents at weekends and holidays and her room in their apartment was kept for her.

After she had lived with her uncle for four years in the rented apartment of which he was a statutory tenant, the uncle died and she continued to occupy the apartment. When the landlords demanded that she vacate it, she claimed that she had become a statutory tenant by virtue of section 20(b) of the Tenants Protection Law (Consolidated Version) 1972. Section 20 provides that: "(a) Where the tenant of a dwelling has died, his spouse shall become the tenant, provided they had been spouses for not less than six months immediately preceding the death of the tenant and had lived together during that period. (b) Where there is no spouse...the children, or where there are no children, the other relatives of the tenant shall become the tenants; provided they had lived with him in the dwelling for no less than six months preceding his death and at the time of his death had no other residence."

The Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court granted the landlords an eviction order on the grounds that the appellant had failed to prove that she would remain without a roof over her head if she were evicted from her late uncle's apartment and that this was the criterion required by section 20(b) in order to warrant granting her statutory tenancy. This decision was confirmed by majority opinion of the Tel Aviv District Court.

The appellant appealed by leave to the Supreme Court.

JUDGMENT Justice Shamgar, who delivered the majority opinion of the Supreme Court, first discussed the significance of section 20 of the Tenants Protection Law, 1972, stressing the difference between the rights of a spouse and other relatives. Whereas, he pointed out, it is sufficient for the spouse of a statutory tenant merely to have lived with him for six months in order to gain

IN THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AS COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS Before Justices Shamgar, Shereshevsky and Asher. Batya Charney, Appellant, v. Meir Modet & Others, Respondents (C.A.712/76)

Recognition as a statutory tenant upon his death, in the case of a tenant's children or other relatives there is an additional demand: that they have no other place of residence. In other words, he continued, the children, or other relatives, of a deceased tenant must prove that in addition to the fact that they had lived with the deceased for six months, they have no other, alternative dwelling in which they have permanent rights.

In the particular case under consideration, Justice Shamgar went on to hold, the appellant had failed to prove that she had no permanent, alternative dwelling and that she was justified in claiming the protection of the tenants' laws whose aim is to provide assistance to those who are in danger of having no roof over their heads and not to help those who have the choice of alternative dwellings. For, he explained, her residence in her uncle's apartment had not severed her links with her home in Rehovot and she had failed

Meat exports to the U.S. approved

By ABYE ALCALAY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israeli abattoirs will soon begin exporting poultry and meat products to the U.S., The Jerusalem Post was told by officials in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry yesterday.

These meat exports have recently been approved by the U.S. authorities with respect to quality and hygienic standards. An American delegation has just carried out a comprehensive survey of our meat product plants and our distribution system. As a result of that survey, 14 Israeli abattoirs have been authorized to market their products in the U.S.

Meat producers here believe that this approval will open up considerable markets for kosher meat products in the U.S.

New steel casting system at Koor City

Koor's Steel Town in Acre has just finished converting its steel casting system to the second electric arc furnace, thus concluding a large-scale conversion project begun in 1975, with an investment of IL10m.

According to Koor's monthly bulletin, the two new furnaces, the first of which was put into operation in 1974 and the second at the end of 1976, replace the older, fuel-fired Siemens-Martin furnaces.

The new system permits the latest advances in steel casting, including continuous casting, which eases on the intermediate steps of shaping the steel ingots into their final form.

Stock Exchange news

By JOSEPH MORGENSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Otzar Hashilton Hamekomi has published a prospectus for a 1:1 rights issue at 115 per cent. The IL4m. expected to be realized from the issue will be used to increase loans to municipalities and local authorities.

The State of Israel is the largest shareholder in the company, with 21.1 per cent of the equity. The three major commercial banks hold about 10 per cent, while the balance is in the hands of the public.

In the period ending December 1976, Otzar Shilton Hamekomi reported earnings of IL8m.

Electra (Israel) Ltd., a member of the Clal group, has issued its annual report. It shows a growth in net assets of 40 per cent, to IL87.8m. Net after-tax earnings were 62 per cent higher, at IL6.7m. A gross cash dividend of 20 per cent is being recommended by the board of directors.

The company, a major supplier of air conditioning equipment and elevators, announced that its order book now shows a backlog of two years. As Westinghouse's Israel representative, Electra could become a major beneficiary if the American supplier wins a tender for the two nuclear reactors for the envisaged power plants.

Wolfe-Clore-Mayer Corp. announced the sale of the Migdal Hotel in the Shalom Tower building. The buyers, the First International Bank of Israel, intend to turn the premises of the defunct hotel into office space.

Sardine fishermen, working without cannery contracts, expect good season

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Mediterranean coast sardine fishing season starts this week. Twenty groups of fishermen, comprising 200 men, will try their luck this year. Following last year's disastrous "maritime drought" when the men caught only 500 tons, as against the average season's 1,300 tons, ten additional groups have left the trade this year and are working on other types of fishing.

Fishermen's Union secretary Dov Schmiele told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that for the first time the men will be working without the usual contract with the cannery industry, guaranteeing them a market for their entire catch at agreed prices. Although there is a definite demand for sardines by the industry this year, following last year's shortage, the industry refused to sign the contract at the last minute, pleading economic difficulties.

The union has therefore hired cold storage space for all eventualities,

and will charge the canners 84 per cent more than last year's average price of IL5.00 per kg. The rise has been approved by the government.

The government also promised not to issue fish import licenses for any cannery that does not buy local catches, Schmiele said. This was sufficient reassurance for the men to go ahead with their work.

He noted that from the initial signs the fishermen believe that this season will be a good one.

Meanwhile the Agriculture Ministry has approved the construction of five new shrimp trawlers for the fisheries. Tenders were issued and local yards offered to build the 30-ton craft for a total of over IL2 million, with a two-year delivery time.

An American yard has offered to build the boats in three months, for IL2.6 million. The American offer will be accepted, Schmiele said. Since the boats will be employed principally on shrimp for export, the Ministry will arrange financing from export development funds.

Koor exports up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Koor has exported products worth \$33m. in the first two months of 1977 — an increase of 24 per cent over last year, when exports for the period came to \$26.5m.

Koor's domestic sales in the same period amounted to IL63m., an eight per cent increase over the IL58m. sold in the first two months of 1976.

Taking into account the price increases in the domestic market between 1976 and 1977, this is a significant decline, in real terms, however.

Koor's monthly bulletin states that exports have been expanded not only by higher foreign sales by the traditional big exporters of the concern, but also by the entry of new, and smaller Koor enterprises into the foreign sales field.

Telephone, telex rates up 5.8 per cent

Rates of international telephone calls and telex messages will go up by 5.8 per cent, according to a resolution of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The raise is intended to bring the rates in line with the last three mini-devaluations.

Tax suspect out on bail

TEL AVIV (Him). — The owner of a dry-goods shop in Bnei Brak and a flower shop in Petah Tikva was released on bail yesterday after he was arrested on suspicion that he evaded income tax of IL400,000.

Menahem Burstein of Petah Tikva was released on IL100,000 bail by a Tel Aviv magistrate after a tax official said his release would not impede further investigation.

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A question of health

IN THE METAMORPHOSIS through which Israeli politics is passing, it has so far commendably resisted the excesses of publicity which some other democratic systems accord to the personal lives of political leaders and their families. Israel's traditional insistence on respecting the privacy of its politicians is a principle worth maintaining.

But there are and should be exceptions to all admirable principles. An example of the need for such exception has arisen in connection with the hospitalization of Likud leader Menachem Begin. Mr. Begin was hospitalized more than two weeks ago for what was variously reported as "fatigue" or "constriction of the blood vessels around the heart." He is expected to remain in hospital for another week or more.

The media, in keeping with accepted norms of behaviour, have treated the subject with great reticence. Yet Mr. Begin is not a private person. He is a serious candidate for Prime Minister at a time of critical challenges to Israel's external and domestic welfare.

If his medical outlook is such that he would not be able to serve even for only a period of time, were his party to win the elections, the public should be told. If the fears are unwarranted, a statement to that effect would also be in order.

The Likud may be understandably reluctant to claim credit for so revolutionary an innovation in its political style. But the Likud should be aware that in a country as small and as intimate as Israel, rumours that sweep over the populace are often worse than the unvarnished truth.

Mr. Begin, as a political leader of unquestioned stature, certainly appreciates that a central point of the present electoral campaign is the need to restore credibility to politics and government. There is thus place to hope that Mr. Begin himself will insist that his physicians issue an authoritative and plainly intelligible statement on his state of health.

Low-brow politics

ELECTORAL reform toward constituency elections, in which voters choose individuals and not party lists, has not yet been adopted in Israel. But judging from the initial results of the limited democratisation that has characterised the way our political parties this year are selecting their Knesset lists, one unfortunate side-effect of reform is already visible—namely that professional qualifications or an incumbent MK's record will receive low priority from voters and party nominating bodies.

Two examples stand out. It is already evident that the parties have chosen few candidates with a legal background. This is certain to have a detrimental effect on the legislative activity of the next Knesset.

A second example is the relegation by the Liberal wing of the Likud of Yosef Tamir. Perhaps not a brilliant orator or vote-getter, Tamir has established himself as the leading parliamentarian in the area of ecology. His dogged perseverance in the cause of ecological sanity during his three terms in the Knesset has been so marked that MK's from other parties are said to have appealed to his own party to reinstate him in a "safe" place on the Likud list.

Environmental quality may not yet be the sort of dramatic issue that can be guaranteed to shift votes from one party to another. But any party should feel proud to have on its list a few legislators, like Tamir, who have dedicated themselves to this subject.

Open roads to peace

Practical collaboration systems could help hasten the advent of formal peace, argues Transport Minister GAD YA'ACOB.

THE BRIDGES on the Jordan were not closed after the Six Day War. They still serve as a crossing point between the West Bank and the Hashemite Kingdom for people and goods. The Suez Canal has been open since October 1975 to cargoes en route to and from Israel ports. The villages of Southern Lebanon—cut off from essential services by the distress of civil war in their own country—are coming to the "good fence" to work, to trade and to receive medical treatment in Israel.

It appears that despite the intractability that underlies the Arabs' reluctance to reconcile themselves to the existence of Israel, and to make peace with her, there are signs that neighbouring bonds of cooperation are being developed in areas of mutual interest. The administrative and economic integration of Judea and Samaria into Israel is also not the result of military coercion alone. Indeed it represents the revival of traditional ways of life that for 19 years were held in check behind closed borders and barbed wire.

Israel is located at the centre of the Arab world, and at the crossroads of three continents—between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean, and between the world's largest reservoir of petroleum and their principal consumers. Israel is a nation of advanced technology, skilled manpower, considerable talent in management and unquestioned ability in academic research and planning. The combination of geographic location and human resources could, given peace, make of Israel an economic and transportation centre for the entire region.

But the advent of peace is held up by pre-conceived fears and psychological blocks, tainted with political interests, that will only vanish with the passing of time. Nevertheless, it is possible to draw encouragement from budding cooperation which is already in evidence. This may develop into processes of normalisation that will ease and speed up the coming of peace.

THE TRANSPORTATION routes of the Middle East may serve as key

elements in three basic types of political situation: First, limited economic-transportation links, such as the "open bridges" and the "good fence."

Second, interim agreements, such as that which led to the opening of the Suez Canal.

Third, full peace, characterised by cooperation in all spheres, including joint development planning and free transit of goods and people.

The countries of the region should, in their own interests, move from the first situation to the second, as a prelude to their advance to peace. The purely economic advantage of expanding cooperation is all too obvious. Thus the Port of Eilat could handle loading and off-loading for Jordan, because the Port of Akaba is already choking. The ports of Haifa and Ashdod could service cargoes destined for Jordan, which has no Mediterranean outlet of its own.

The railway network that Israel has diligently developed, and the modern road system that crisscrosses the country, offer opportunities for links to the transportation systems of the neighbouring countries. Israel ports are equipped with everything necessary for handling containers, truck ferries and bulk cargoes—and are able to absorb additional tonnages in the million annually. A specialized truck fleet can speed cargoes from one frontier to another. Israel is employed and ready to serve as a land bridge, parallel to the Suez, and between the Arab countries on her borders—and those beyond them as well.

This transport system could easily become a container centre for the entire Eastern Mediterranean, with all the tools for collection and dispersion of cargoes throughout the region. Such a centre might be integrated with a free-port for trade and light industry for the Middle East, which should properly be located at the Israeli ports of Haifa or Ashdod.

The same is true of the airways. An international airport that Israel will be building east of Be'er Sheva could, and should, serve as a regional centre for civil aviation.

The airports of Jerusalem and Eilat-Akaba are suitable for development with a view to servicing both Israel and Jordan—under joint or at least coordinated management—since they are located close to the borders at sites of mutual interest.

BEYOND these possibilities, there is need for cooperation between Israel and her neighbours in the preservation of the regional environment. Most pressing in this connection is the conservation of the Gulf of Eilat, where the activity of the ports on both sides of the frontier threatens a natural site of exceptional beauty.

A preliminary examination, prepared at my request, indicates that for an investment of some \$800 million, it would be possible to rehabilitate and complete a railway network reaching from Haifa to Jordan, from Be'er Sheva to Ashdod and Yamit, from the Lebanese frontier along the Mediterranean coast to the Suez Canal, and from Mount Zin in the Negev to Eilat—as well as to adapt Israel's ports of Haifa and Ashdod to Jordanian needs, and to develop the two airports of Jerusalem and Eilat to serve both countries. This may seem like a huge investment, yet it shrinks in comparison with the amounts currently expended by the countries of the area on maintaining their armed forces.

Not all of the projects could be implemented immediately; some of them may have to await the coming of peace. Yet, their great strength is in their very ability to bring peace near. The transit of Israeli cargoes should, for example, be a precedent for the transit of Arab cargoes through Israel. If our neighbours have difficulty in the negotiation of peace treaties, then the taking of peaceful actions for their own benefit—but in collaboration with Israel—might ease their way towards a formal accommodation.

The debate about whether joint action precedes peace or vice versa is of about as much value as the classic argument about the chicken and the egg. To me, they are interdependent, and any move in one direction will bring on progress in the other.

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

ISRAELIS seemed to be in a good mood over the holiday week-end, perhaps because (with the exception of housewives) they could look forward to two days of relaxation instead of just one.

At the Central Bus Station in Jerusalem on Friday morning, the ticket-sellers were pleasantly disposed. "Safe journey and a happy holiday," they said to us with a smile. The bus filled up with knots of soldiers going on leave, rifles in one hand, bunches of flowers in the other. A delightful and reassuring sight.

In Tel Aviv, the pilot of the little plane that does sky-writing advertising over the beach obviously shared the general feeling. Normally he tells the thousands fighting on the beaches for a patch of sand how to travel to where. On Passover Eve he omitted his usual "commercialism." Zigzagging across the sky, he wrote in white smoke "Hag sameah!"—happy holiday.

Incidentally, at one Tel Aviv Seder the "ransom" requested for the obligatory return of the *otkoman* was a return ticket to Belgrade for the basket-ball finals. The *otkoman* families offered a Mital Hapayis lottery ticket instead.

Saturday night and one has to retrieve the herbs from the before the Sabbath. It is possible to pull them up before the "picking," which is forbidden. It is allowed since they are "ready to eat, and seedlings."

MONEY doesn't always ensure quality of life. A Health Ministry official said recently after a visit to Galilee, "The Galilee is a good place, but lacking. Among other things, they have no pediatrician in the area to give children the frequent ups and preventive care available in the larger cities."

The official volunteered his vice there for a few days, and all the children one by one, checked their physical development and for signs of trouble that might be hidden.

To check their balance, they use the usual game, "Stand on one foot like a stork." Many of them stood on two and looked puzzled. One, that few had ever seen, had a picture book of animals.

F.D.

READERS' LETTERS

THE IMBALANCE OF BREIRA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Some additional comments might provide a fuller perspective on Breira, about which I was quoted in your issue of February 11.

Breira, I believe, has yet to comprehend its role within American politics—a view supported, I think, by the two-day conference in Washington last month. While much time was spent on resolutions and policies, little was spent on devising a strategy for furthering these outlooks without harming Israel's image in the U.S. This imbalance represents how developed is Breira's sense of "what should be done" and how underdeveloped is its sense of political realities.

Furthermore, Breira's self-definition within the Zionist ideological spectrum has yet to emerge and is, in fact, purposefully held back. This explains first why Breira is such a diverse movement comprised of some fervent Zionists, many closet non-Zionists, and a few anti-Zionists, and second, why outsiders have such difficulty understanding what Breira really stands for and what it is attempting to achieve.

It is quite important, I think, that Breira try to understand the real political effects of its views and actions, not cover itself with the aura of progressive liberalism which American Jewry now hequestrates to Israel.

MARK A. BRUNSON
Washington, D.C.

MKS' SALARIES AND PENSIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your issue of March 10 you reveal that a Member of Knesset who has served one four-year term is entitled for the rest of his life, in addition to his pension, to 6,000 free phone calls every year, plus 1,200 interurban calls, travel allowances, free transportation by bus and train, etc. etc.

Am I the only citizen in this country who is deeply shocked?

A Member of Knesset should be entitled to numerous material privileges in addition to his salary or pension, but your revelations make us, the tax-paying citizens of the country, first-rate suckers. I had always lived under the illusion that our Social Welfare resources were directed to the needy and did not serve to pamper the ex-members of our Parliament and their families.

ALICE FLEISCHMAN
Kfar Shmaryahu

PREGNANCY ADVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In response to Marsha Pomerantz's article of March 11, "To have or have not—developments in family planning," we would like to bring to your attention the existence of the Shilo Pregnancy Advisory Service which opened in Jerusalem in November 1976.

Ms. Pomerantz raises some of the problems women in Israel face when seeking birth control information and contraceptives. In this context, two major issues are the *de facto* exclusion of important groups of the population from present and planned birth control services, and the quality of the services provided. As mentioned in the article, unmarried and childless women, adolescents and men are not included in current programmes—supposedly for lack of manpower. Moreover, for many persons, the alternative private services are luxuries out of their reach.

Shilo provides free birth control information and counselling to any person who seeks it—regardless of marital status, age, sex and income. It operates as a "drop-in" service without need for referral and with no waiting list. It is open in the evenings and in the centre of town (10 Bezael Street, P.O. Box 1126 to 11400 according to the individual's medical requirements and psycho-social situation).

TERESA BRENNER
ELISABETH BOTSCHILD
Shilo Pregnancy Advisory Service
Jerusalem

Shilo is a non-profit organisation which has received one-time grants from the Family Planning Association, the Volunteer Services of the Hebrew University Student Union, a Swedish Jewish Women's organisation and at least one private donor. The Demographic Centre has promised a grant. Ed. J.P.

SAVE RUSSIAN JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your issue of March 4, you referred to Mark Graser and Marat Oms as 47 and 48 years of age respectively. Actually they are each only 30 years of age, and so much more the pity that they should be cut off from society during the flower of their lives.

My wife and I had an opportunity to spend several days with them in Chernobyl during a recent visit to the Soviet Union. We can attest to their particularly desperate plight. Marat, an applied mathematician, and Mark, an electronics engineer, have not been gainfully employed since they applied to OVR to emigrate to Israel five years ago. They and their young families live in utter isolation and content with real fear and harassment on a daily basis. (The minute we said goodbye to them near the Hotel Bukovina, we were escorted in for a chat with the KGB.)

As much as they need Israel, Israel needs them, and every effort must be made to save these beautiful people and the others, of whom they are representative.

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Sadat in Washington

HA'ARETZ (Independent), discussing the current visit to Washington by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, notes that the Egyptian leader "did not let up from the Palestinian issue" during his visit to Paris and Bonn, "and it is to be assumed that in Washington, he will present himself as the Palestinians' patron."

In addition, the paper expects, President Sadat will seek to obtain American military and financial aid, will present Egypt as a factor interested in tightening relations with the West in general and the U.S. in particular, and "will portray satisfaction of Egypt's demands as being the key to resolving the Middle East question." In conclusion, the paper avers that President Sadat, like Premier Rabin, "will have to be satisfied with qualified and not-final answers from the U.S. President," as Mr. Carter will want to hear the views of the other Arab leaders before arriving at a definitive American policy. "But the course of the talks, and the nature of the relations that will be formed between the American President and Anwar Sadat in the coming days, will likely have a not inconsiderable effect on the formation of that policy."

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